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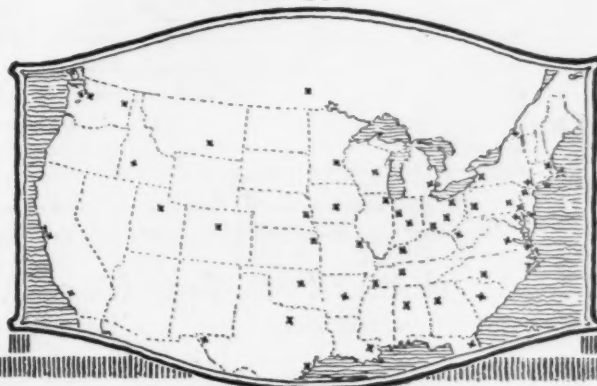
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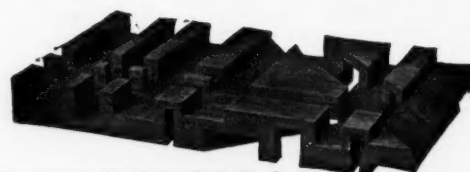


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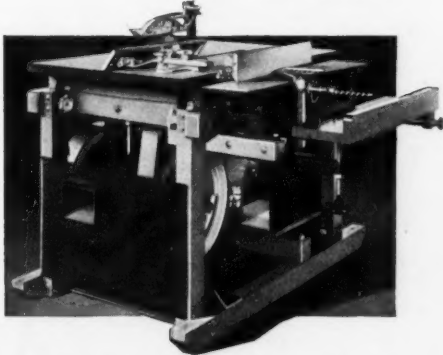
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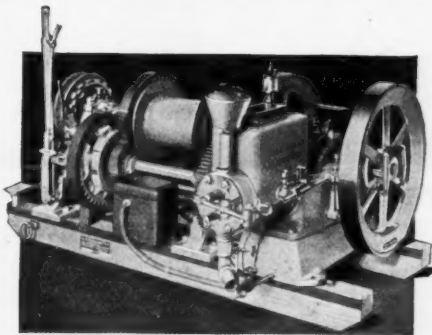
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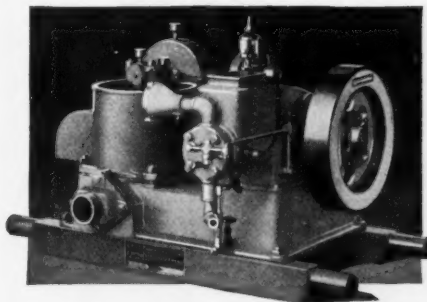
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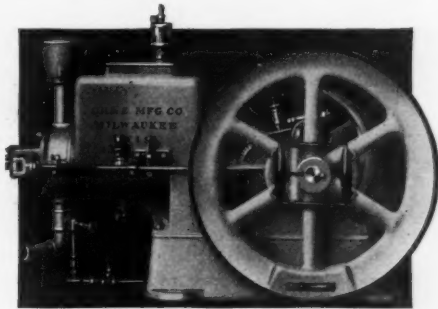
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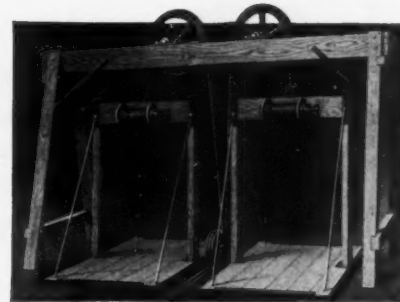
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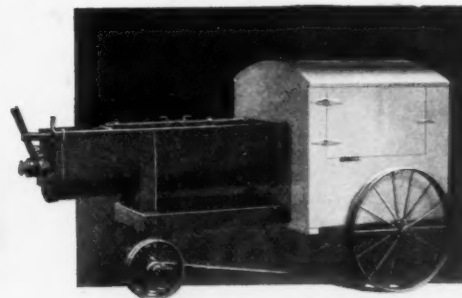
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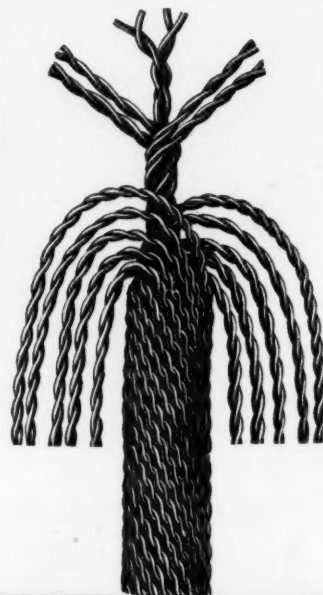
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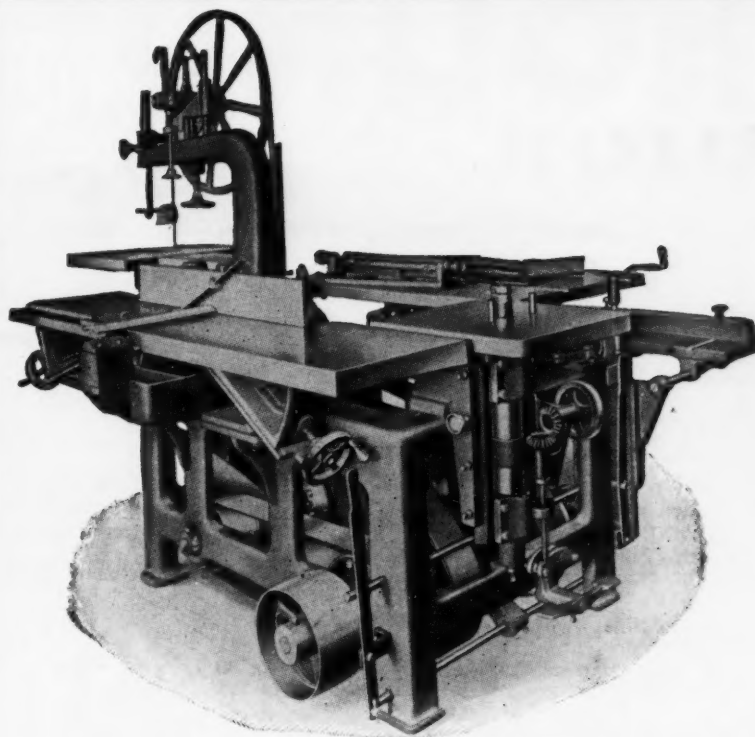
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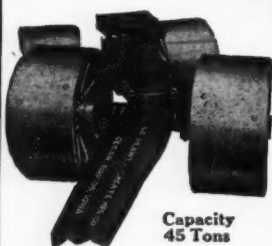
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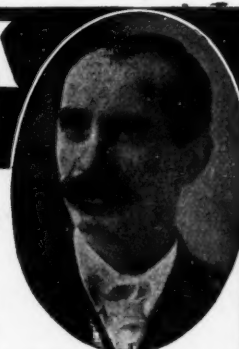
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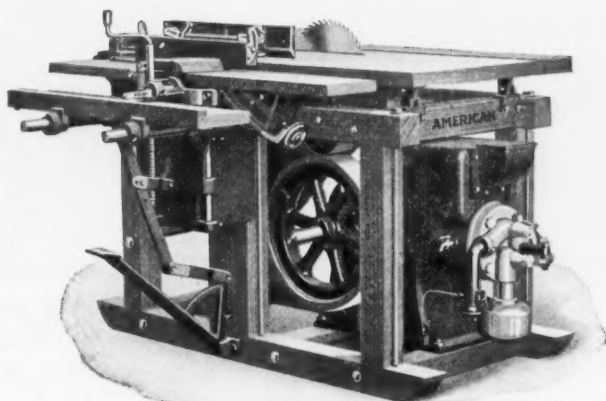
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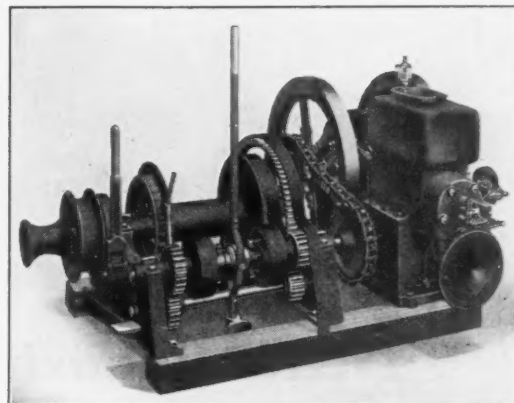
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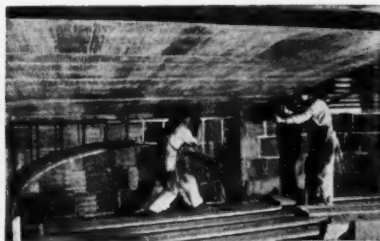
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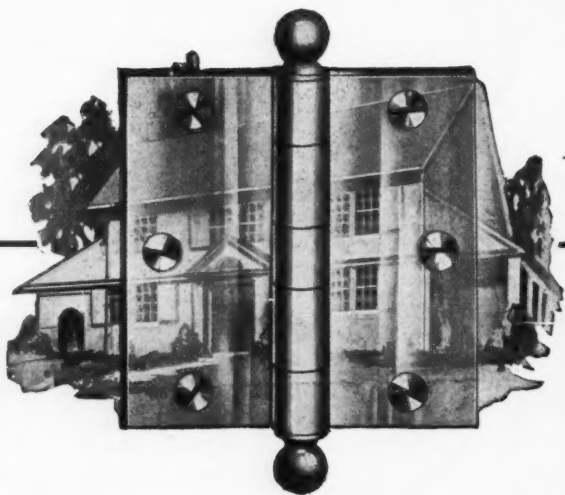


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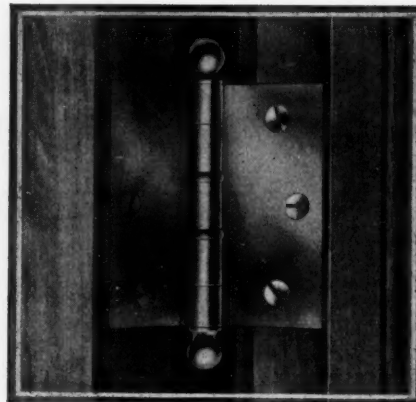
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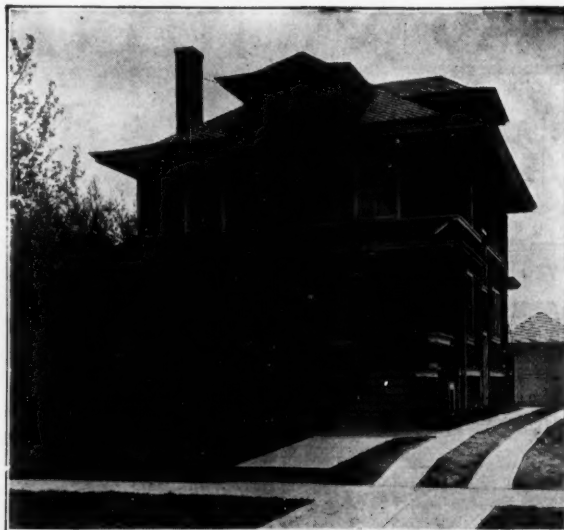
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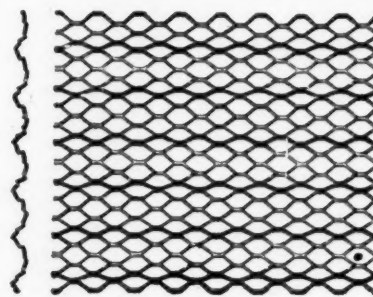
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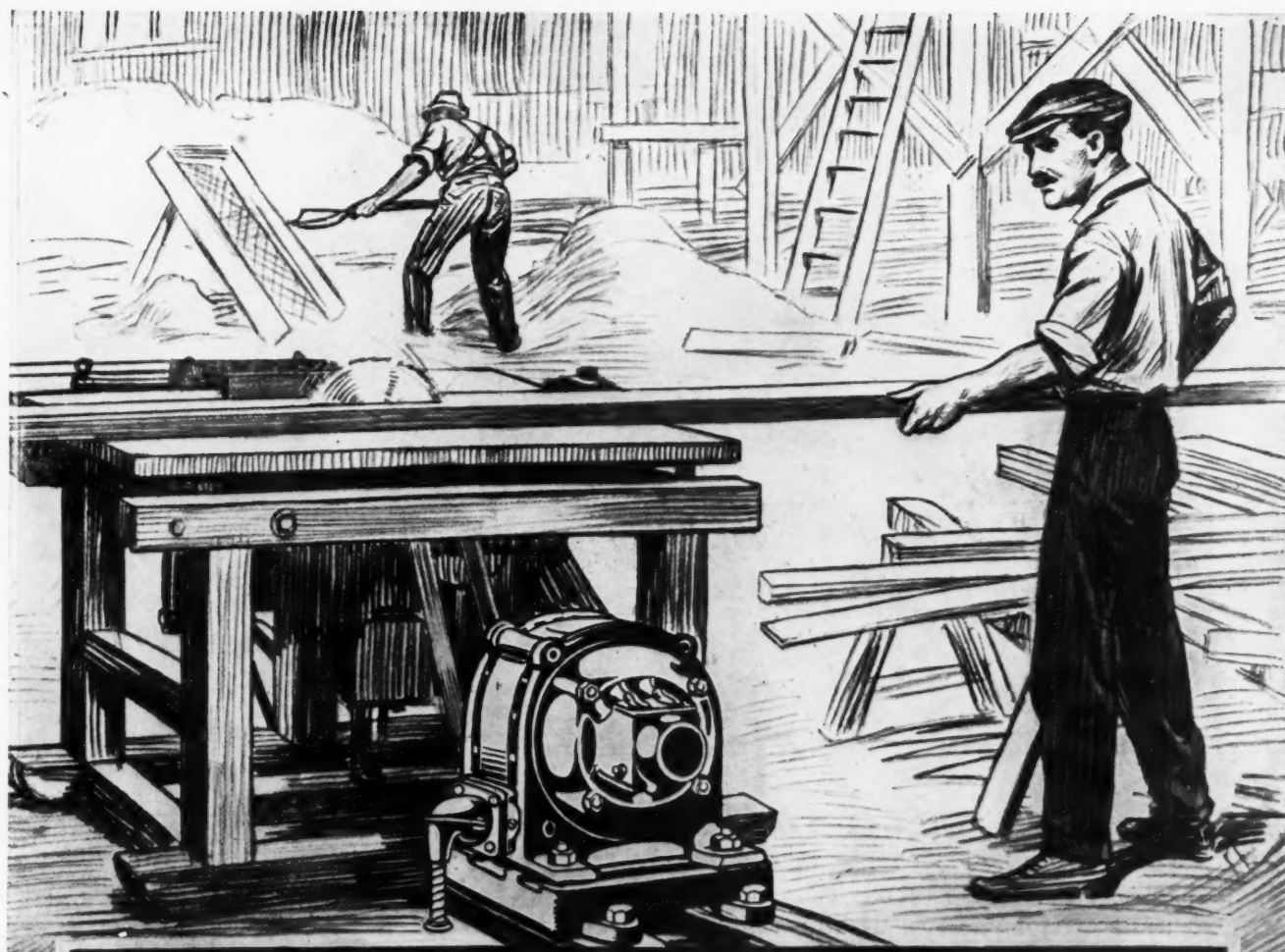
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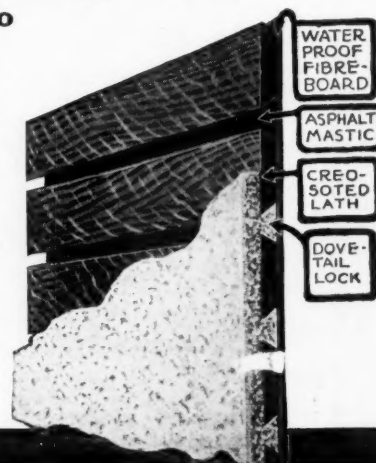
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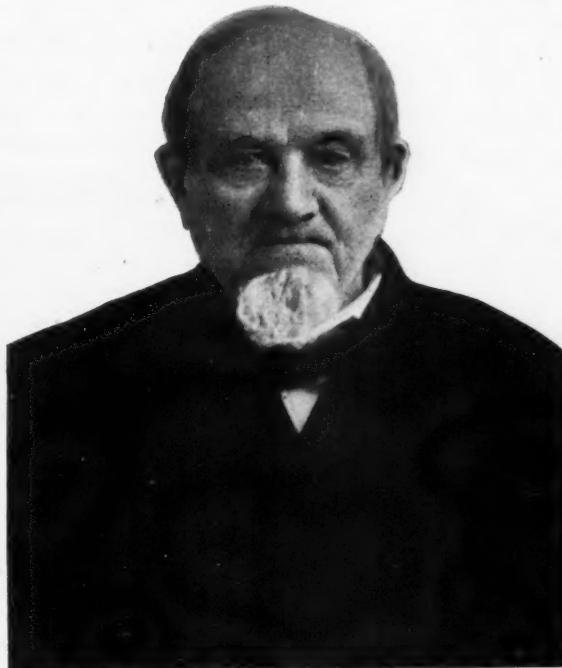


Short Talks With Our Subscribers

Mr. Radford's Father Dies

On February 8, at the age of ninety years, William Radford, pioneer lumberman and millwork manufacturer of central Wisconsin, died at his home in Oshkosh, Wis. Death was due to bronchitis, which became critical within a week's time, previous to which Mr. Radford had been in fairly good health, tho rather feeble owing to his advanced age.

Mr. Radford was born in Needingworth, Huntingdonshire, England, in 1828. He came to America in 1852, first locating at New York and two years later settling at Oshkosh, where he continued to reside until his death. In company with his brother, Stephen Radford, who survives, the firm S. Radford & Bros. was formed for the manufacture of lumber. In 1870 the sash and door business was established and the firm name changed later to Radford Bros. & Co. The sawmill was discontinued about ten years



The Late William Radford, Father of Wm. A. Radford
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ago and at that time William Radford devoted his attention to the sash and door activity, resigning about five years ago. Recently the name of the concern, due to a reorganization, was changed to the Radford-Wright Company.

Mr. Radford married in England Miss Elizabeth Robinson, who departed this life about five years ago. Surviving are four sons, all interested in the lumber business, and four daughters. These are Charles W. and Stephen C. Radford of Oshkosh; George of Fullerton, Texas, and W. A. Radford of Chicago; Misses Elizabeth and Stella Radford and Mrs. E. R. Parish, all of Oshkosh, and Mrs. H. R.

Peck of Indianapolis. Sixteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, February 10, Rev. W. H. Jones of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Sons and grandsons acted as pallbearers.

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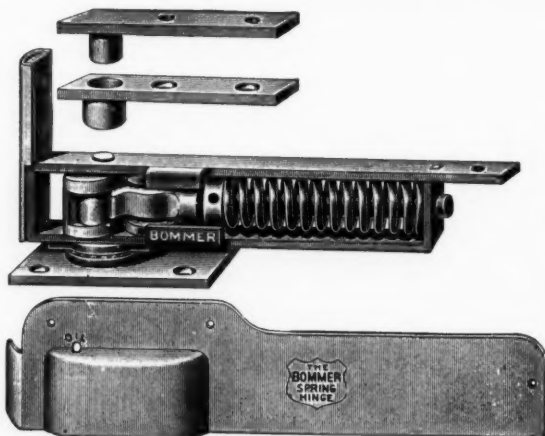
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Home Building Important And In Many Cases Essential

FOR several years the March AMERICAN BUILDER has been devoted to Home Building. This year, in the present National emergency, when all efforts are bent to the one end of winning the war and when some would discourage the building of homes as wasteful and non-productive, the AMERICAN BUILDER will stand firmly on its conviction that home building—always important—is now doubly so, and that in many cases home building and home improvements are absolutely essential to the carrying forward of our great National enterprises of farm production, ship building, and the efficient manufacture of war supplies.

Accordingly, we have made this March issue, as usual, our annual Home Building Number.

No stream can rise higher than its source. The patriotism and devotion to the ideals of democracy of the American nation can be no higher than the patriotism and devotion of the individual units that make up our nation. Everything goes back to the family; the type of family life maintained by the majority of our citizens determines the morale of the nation. Home owning develops the best in the family and in the individual.

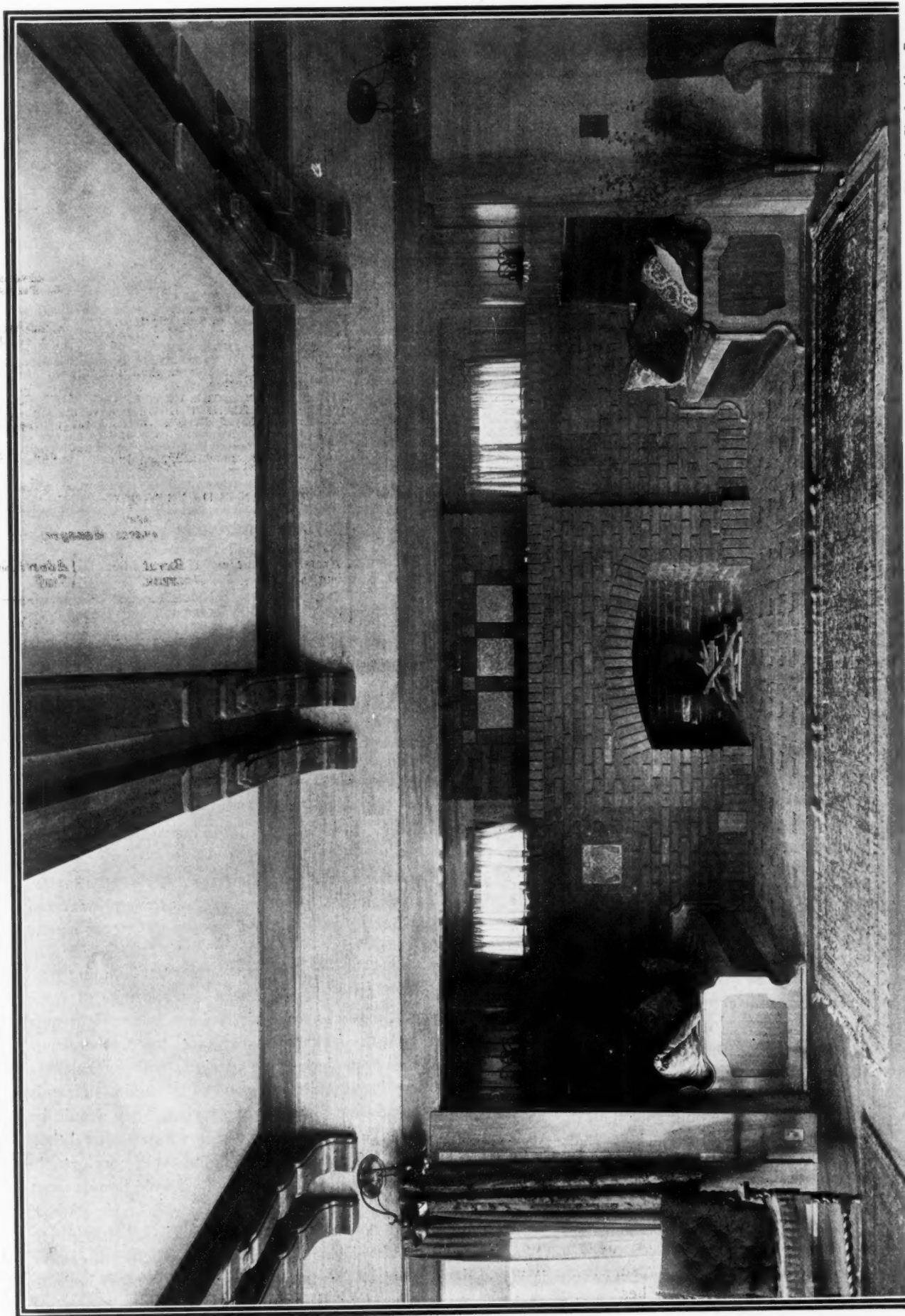
Put a stop to home building and the very foundations of our Democracy are undermined, standards of living are reduced, discontent multiplies.

In places this condition becomes critical, as in the industrial centers and near the shipyards. We say a housing famine exists, and various heroic remedies under the general name of "industrial housing" are resorted to.

These same condition—that are so evidently hurtful in the industrial centers—are just as truly present and just as hurtful all over the country wherever a new home is needed.

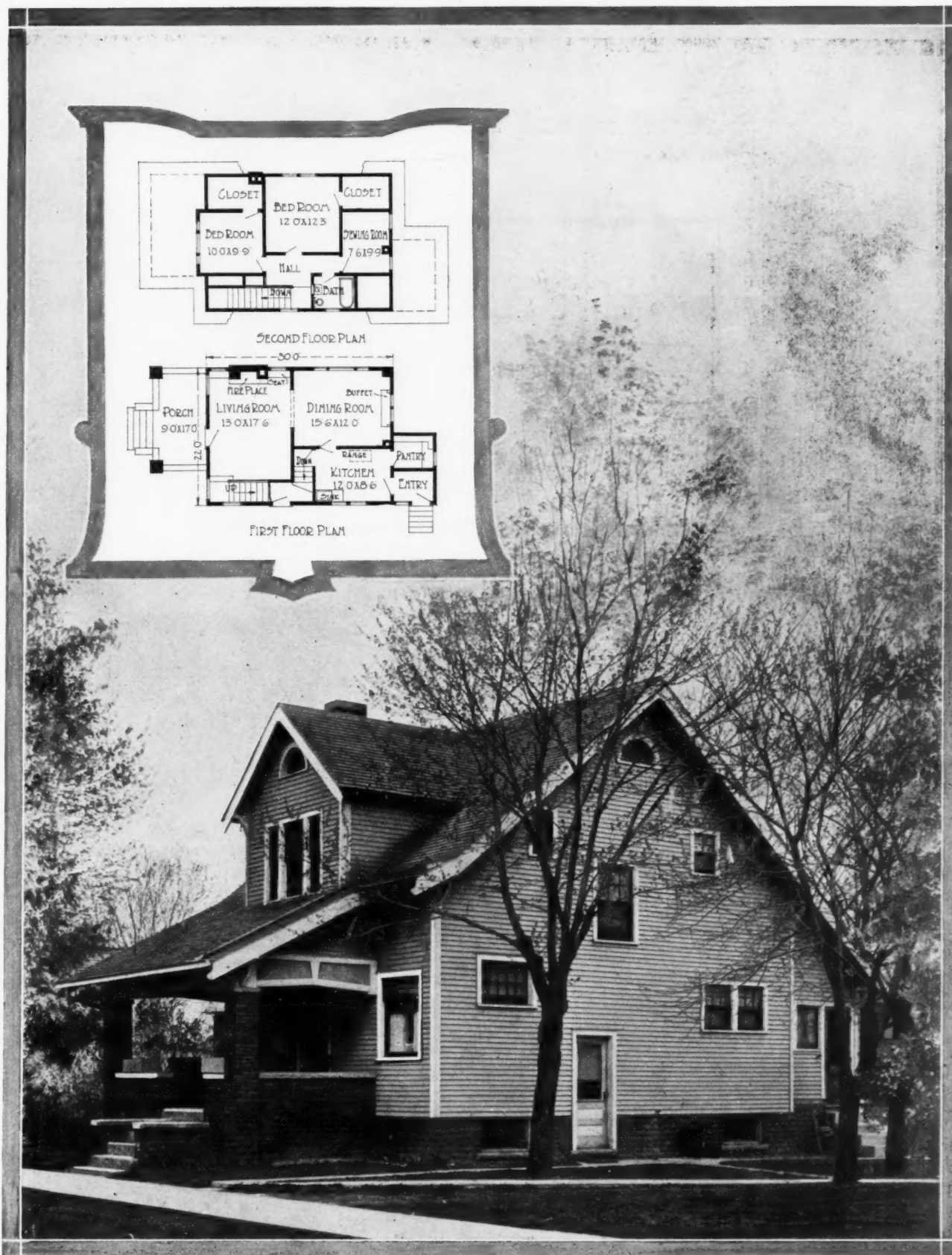
The administration is striving for a maximum production of farm crops. There is a shortage of farm labor; yet a good many elderly farmers are right now retiring off the farm and moving into town, where they can have the modern home comforts and conveniences in their old age. The best good of the nation demands that these farmers stay on the farm. They should be encouraged to make improvements right where they are to their farm homes, to make them comfortable and efficient in the modern way. The old houses must be rebuilt or repaired, or more farms will be abandoned.

Living conditions must be made right before there can be real efficiency in production, whether it is production on the farm or in the factory. Proper housing—home building—is essential to right living conditions and should be encouraged.

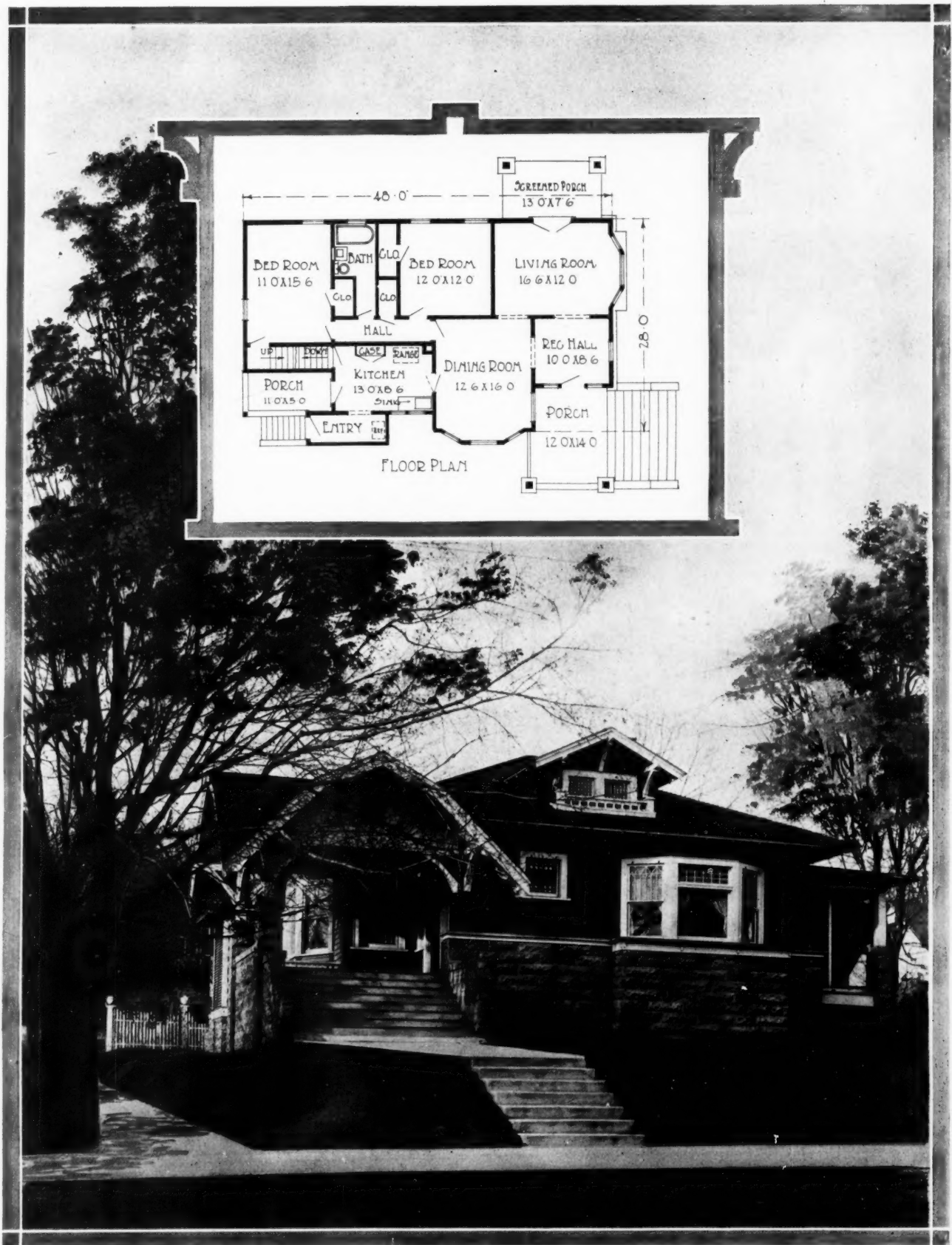


A Fireplace Alcove in a Rich California Home, Showing a Happy Combination of Face Brick, Colored Terra Cotta Insets, and Massive Woodwork. The Hearth Tiling Floors the Entire Alcove Space. The Built-in Seats Invite with Their Air of Solid Comfort. The Ceiling Beam Ends, Fashioned as Supporting Brackets, Deserve Particular Notice.

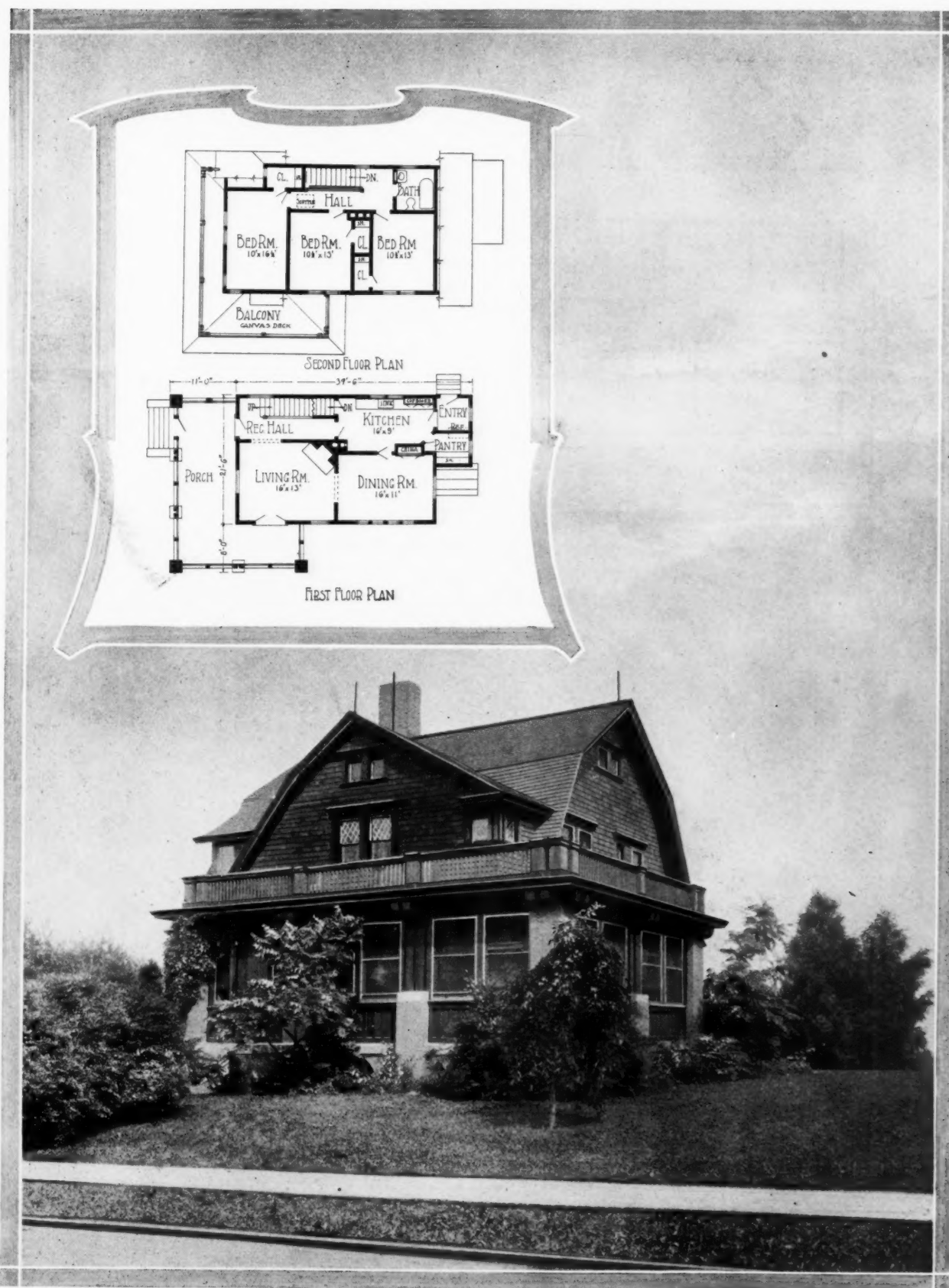
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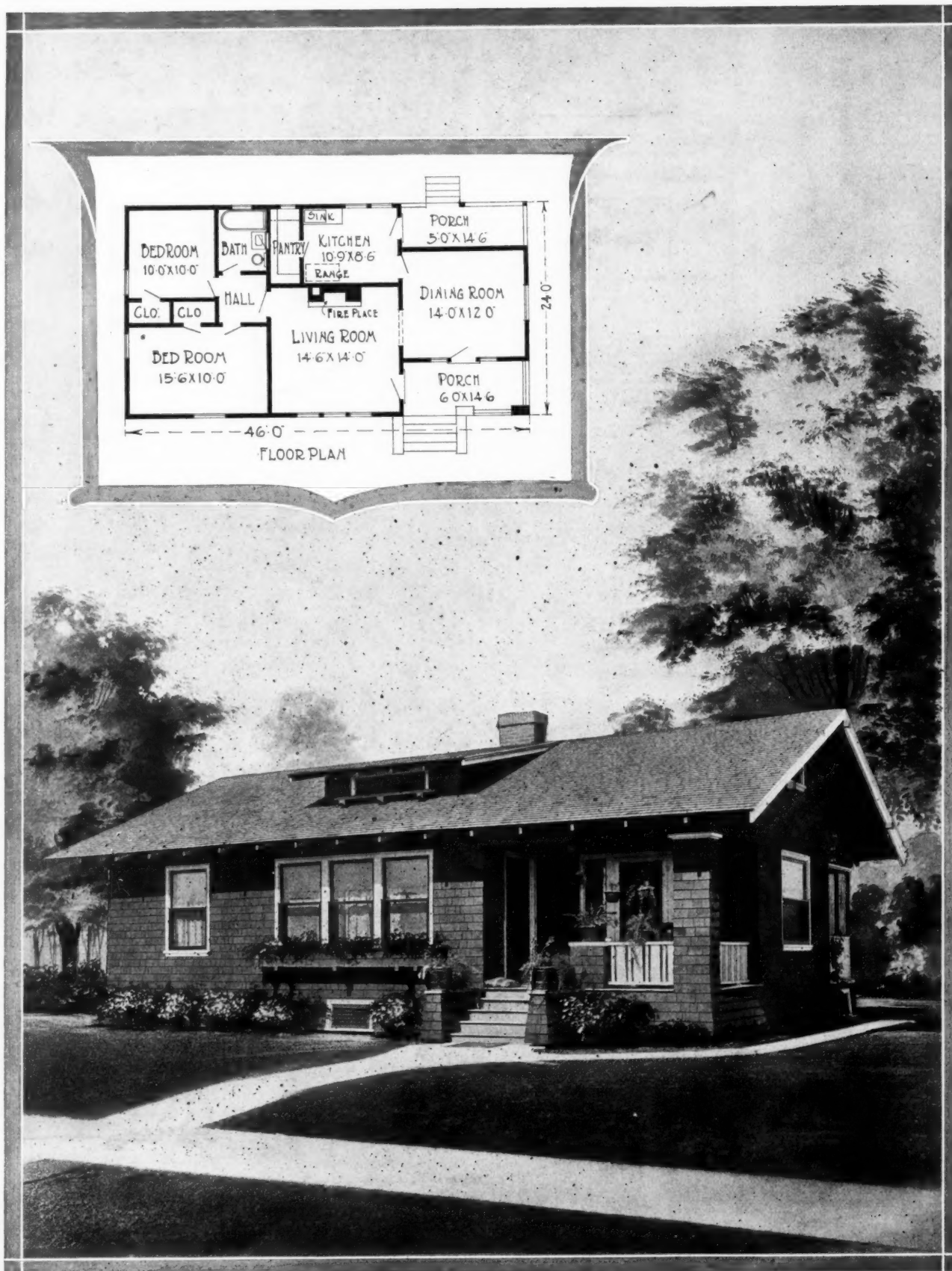
SIX-ROOM HOUSE FOR NARROW LOT. Occupying a space only 22 feet wide, this is a practical city house. The living room and dining room are extra large. Kitchen very conveniently arranged. Upstairs are three bedrooms, bath and several large closets.



BUNGALOW WITH CEMENT BLOCK FOUNDATION. Where good quality blocks can be had this bungalow design is a winner. With its living room and screened porch, well lighted dining room, convenient kitchen, two large bedrooms with adjoining bath room, this design leaves nothing to be desired.



A SCREENED PORCH COUNTRY HOUSE. Solid summer comfort is sure on this big screened porch. It is more than 29 feet long by 10 feet wide inside. Double doors, glazed full length, open into the big living room. The gambrel roof with huge dormer makes a very pretty sky line and gives a cool second floor of good size.



A SIMPLE SHINGLED BUNGALOW. Here are real economy and good looks combined. For a bungalow the width is held down to the unusual dimension of 24 feet. Five well arranged rooms are provided. It is a plan working out extremely well in regard to housekeeping conveniences.

AMERICAN BUILDER BUILDING PLANS



Complete Plans to Scale for Dutch Colonial

FOUR FULL PAGE PLATES GIVE FULL AND ACCURATE DIRECTIONS FOR BUILDING THE POPULAR TYPE DWELLING ILLUSTRATED BELOW

FOLLOWING the plan inaugurated last month, the AMERICAN BUILDER presents below a very attractive Dutch Colonial, eight-room residence design, and on the four pages immediately following, complete working plans to scale from which this house can be built.

So many of our readers have written of their appreciation of the full set of plans presented last month, that we are encouraged to go forward with this proposition. We want to keep these designs the practical, popular sort that our readers want. If we miss the mark, please write and tell us so.

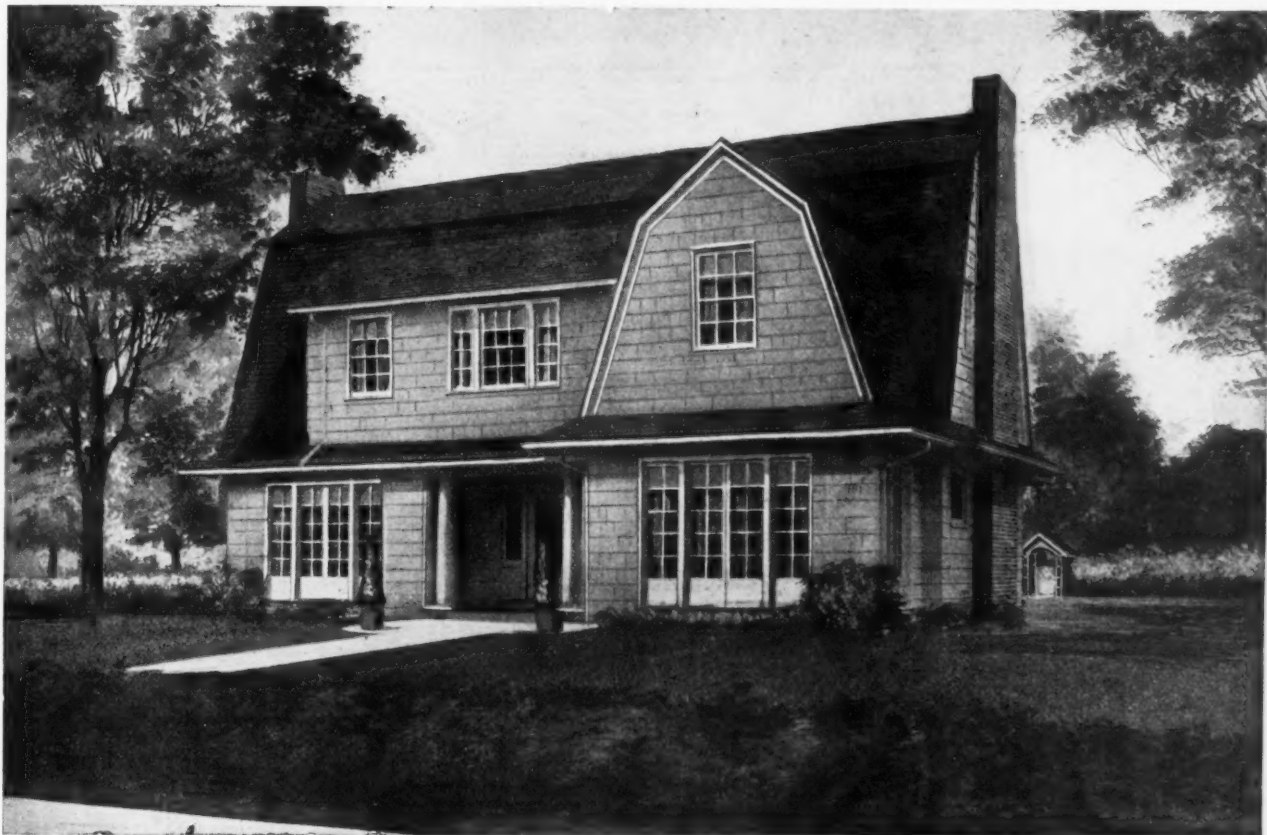
The Dutch Colonial is having a great vogue just now; in fact, it always has been in excellent taste, and the simple quiet beauty of its lines has won for it a lasting place in American home architecture.

It is a style that appeals both to the eye and to the pocketbook. With the Dutch Colonial, no money is wasted on tacked on ornamental effects. The gambrel

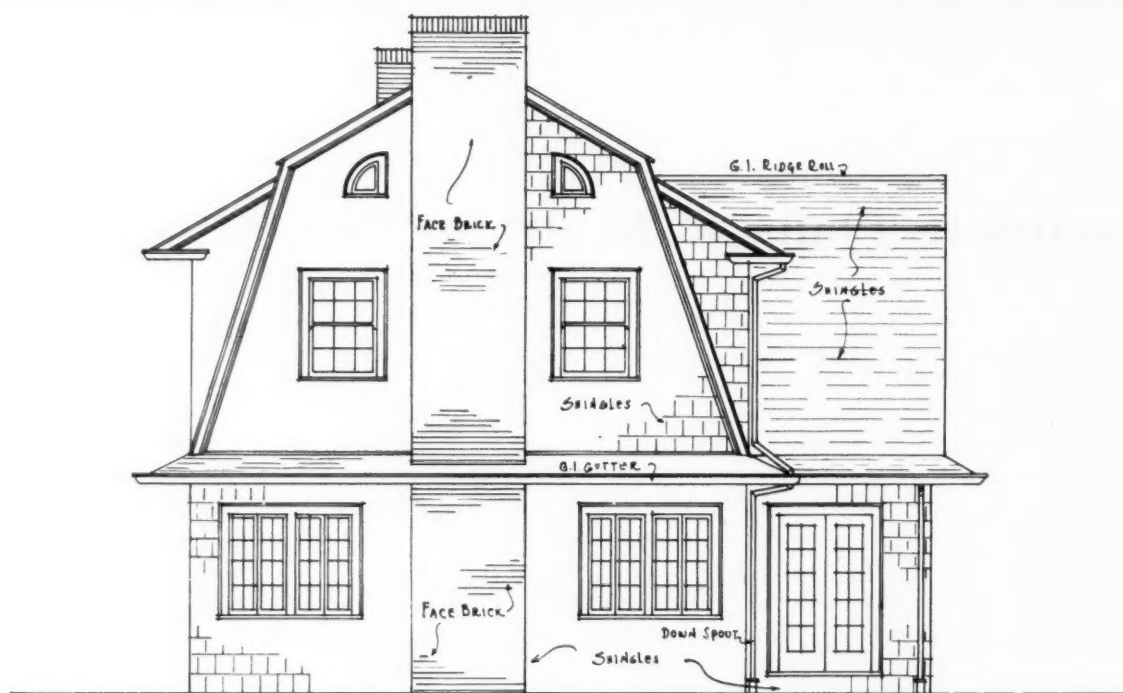
roof permits full utilization of the second floor, with very little attic space above.

The photographic perspective below shows this design as built for the Cedar Coventry Land Company, Cleveland, O. It is characterized by a rather free use of French windows on the ground floor. A study of the floor plans will show several exceptional features of arrangement.

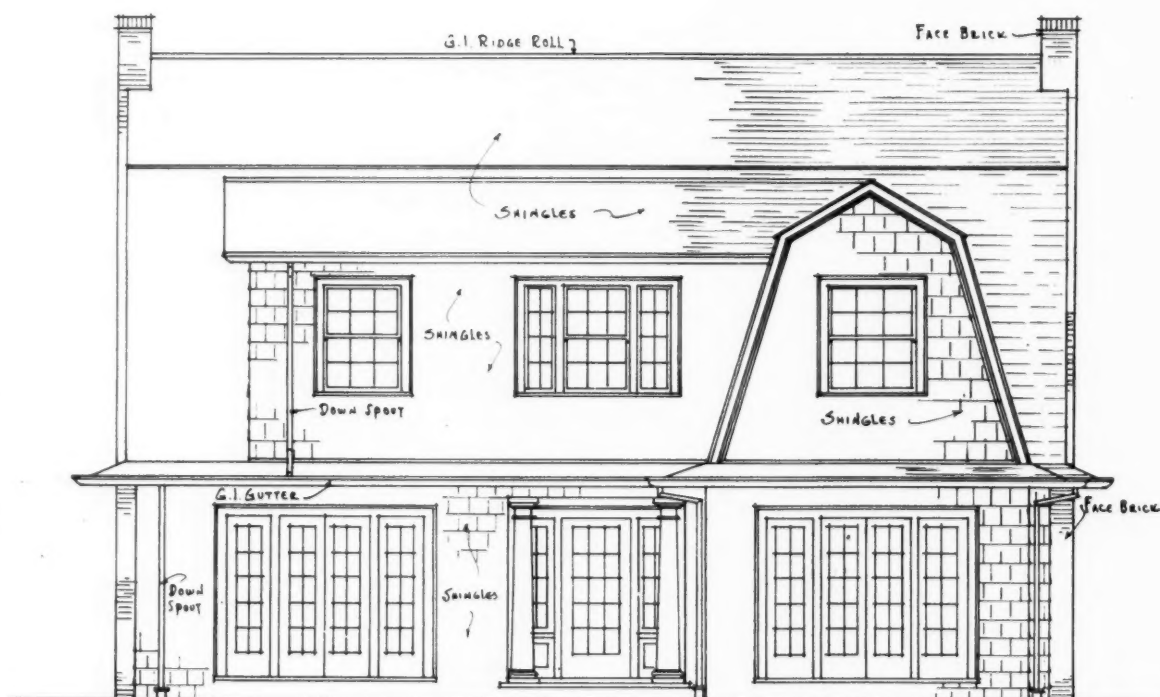
The living room, sun parlor group extends across the entire width to the right of the reception hall—living room 16 by 24 feet; sun parlor 14 by 8 feet. To the left of the reception hall are the dining room, breakfast room or screened porch, and the kitchen. All of the principle doorways have double full-glazed or French doors. Of these there are no fewer than four pairs. These full-glazed doors make a pretty interior and are practical, too, for they cut off drafts and noise, but not light. On the second floor are four large bed rooms, five closets, alcove sewing room, and large bath.



Dutch Colonial Residence of Eight Fine Rooms. Complete Working Plans for This Dwelling Are Presented on the Four Pages Following.

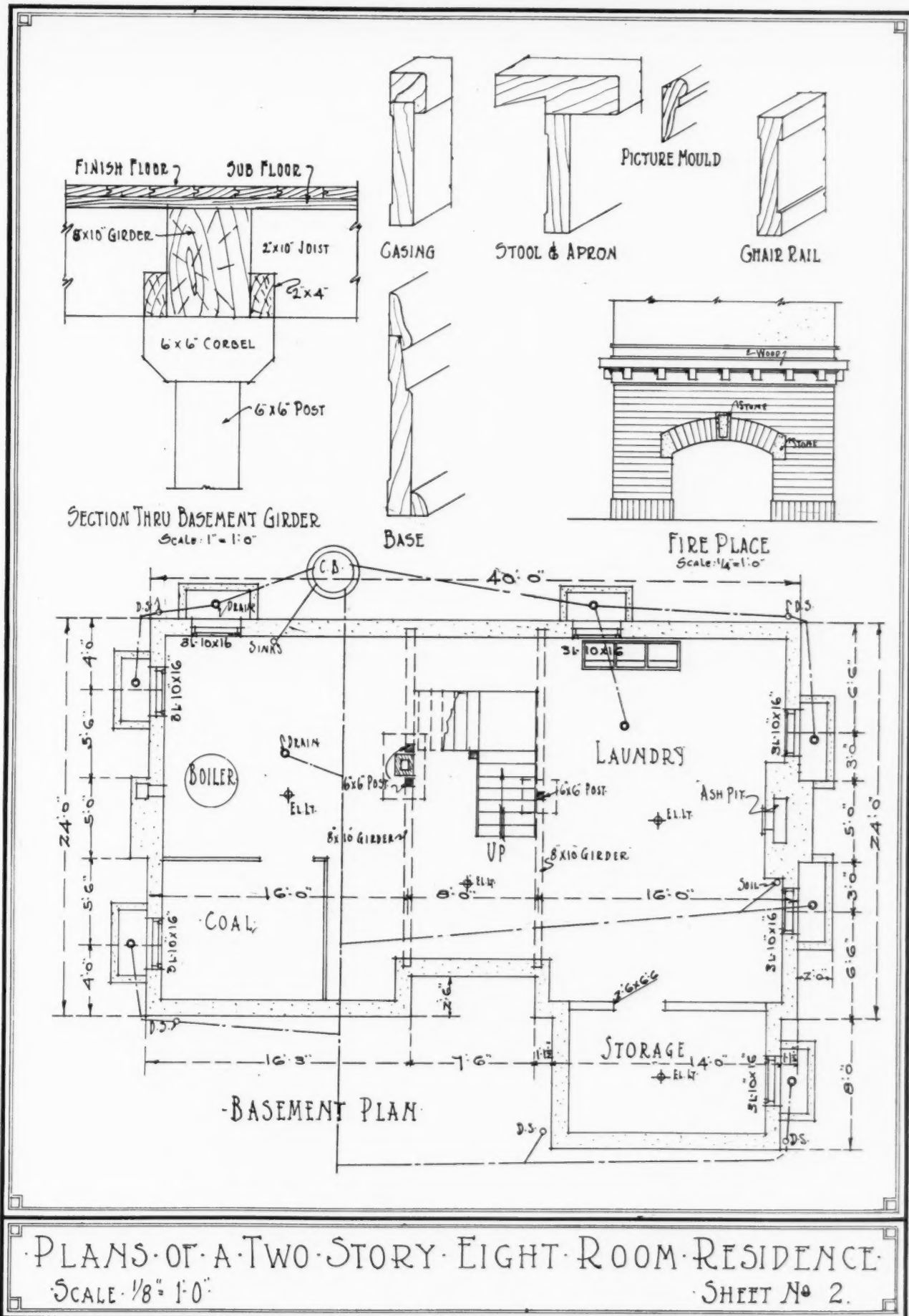


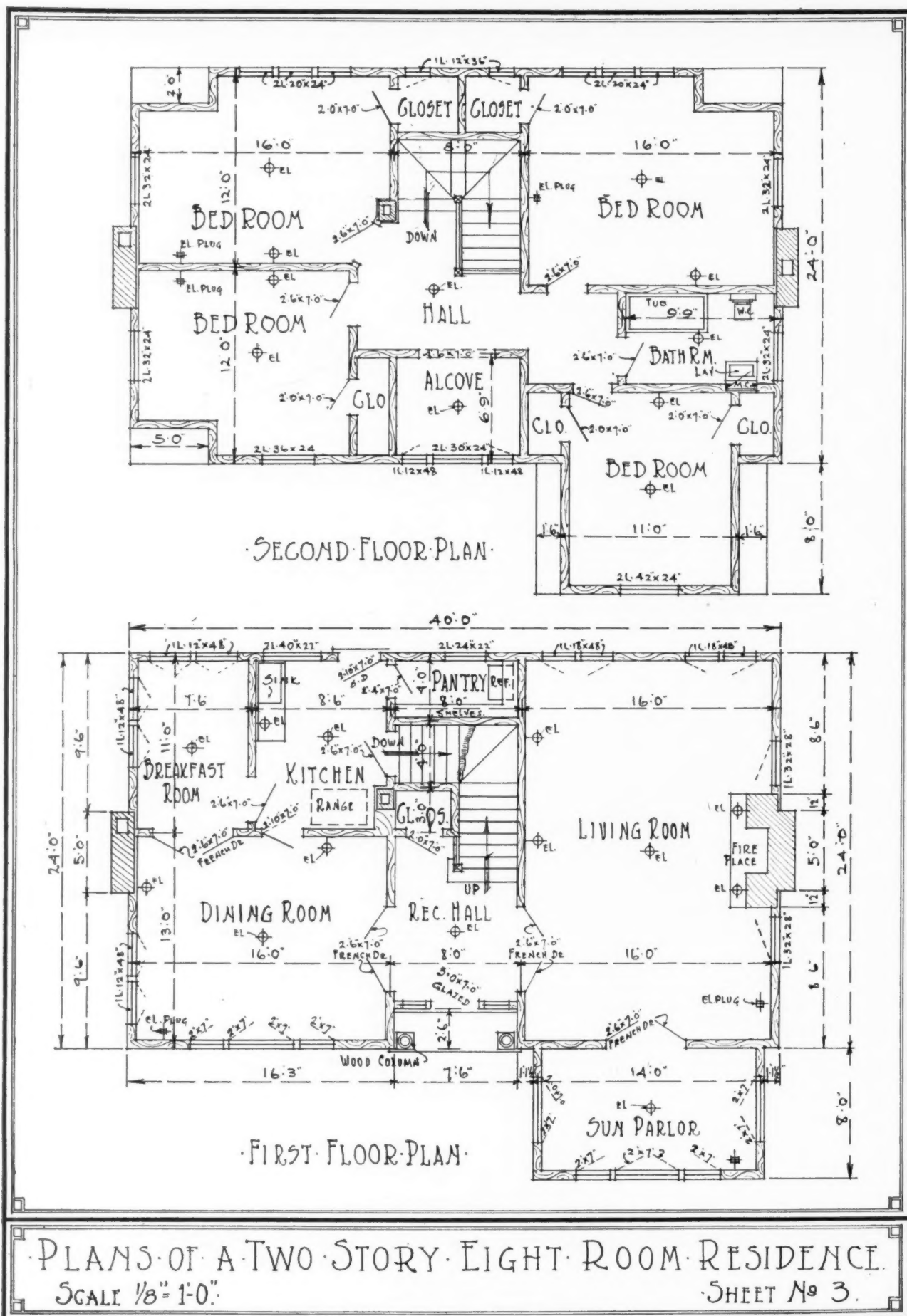
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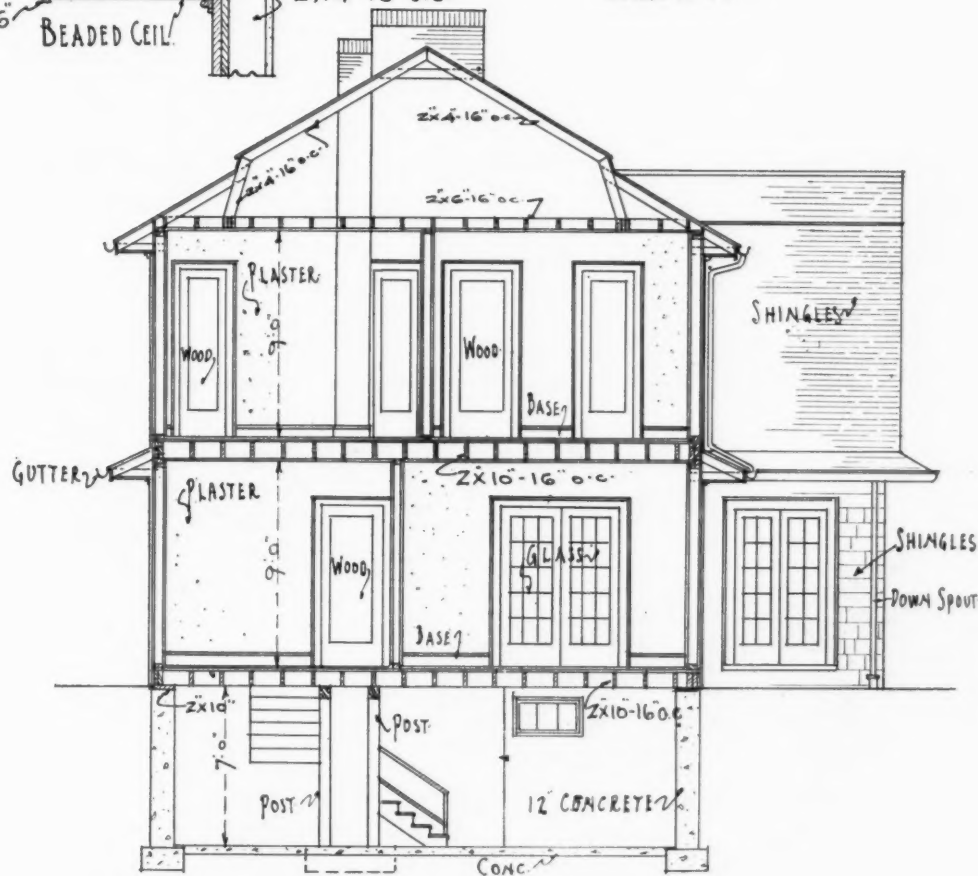
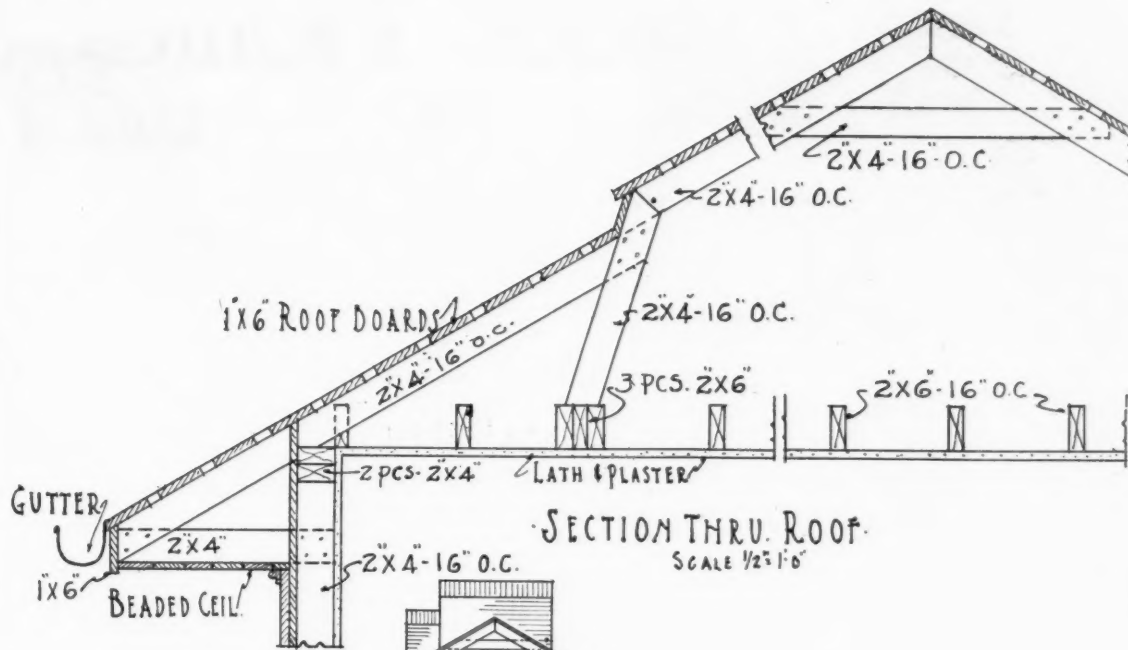


FRONT ELEVATION

PLANS OF A TWO-STORY EIGHT-ROOM RESIDENCE
 SCALE $\frac{1}{8}" = 1'-0"$ SHEET No 1.







PLANS OF A TWO STORY EIGHT ROOM RESIDENCE
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"
SHEET No 4



Model Home Designs



Their Wish Home

A few months ago a young Western ranchman returned to his home in a city of Southern Illinois and was married to a girl of childhood acquaintance, she a maiden from the farm. That was the beginning of the comfortable little home which had its *locus* in the cottage shown in the illustration; the plans were sketched by the couple while they still rented.

The man of the house had spent twelve years in a two-room "shack" on the Western plains. There he accumulated a comfortable sum and there he learned something about inconvenience.

From the poorly lighted, cold and but fairly well ventilated place he called home he has been transformed into a comfortable cottage, with lots of light and ventilation and every convenience, a five-room bungalow, with a good start for three rooms upstairs. It only cost \$2,800. The original price was fixed at

\$2,496; but a concrete basement and a few extras added to the cost.

The cottage is built on a lot 72 feet front and it is 28 by 42 feet with an 8-foot porch extending across the entire

front. The only change he would make if building another would possibly be to make it 2 feet wider.

The bungalow contains a living room, dining room, two bedrooms and kitchen,

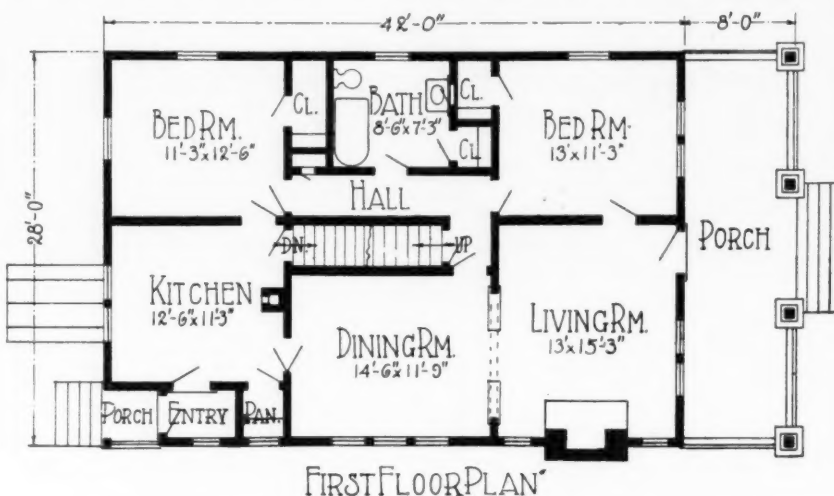


Photo and Floor Plan of Extra Good Looking and Practical Bungalow at Edwardsville, Ill.



Quaintly Artistic Residence for Which Two Different Room Schemes Are Presented Below.

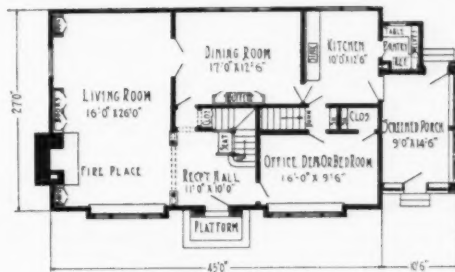
a nice sized bath room, two large closets, a linen closet, a pantry and an enclosed entrance at the rear porch.

The entire attic is floored and uprights in place for lath and plaster wherever it is desired to finish the upstairs. The uprights, usual 2 by 4, were placed to give the roof necessary carrying strength.

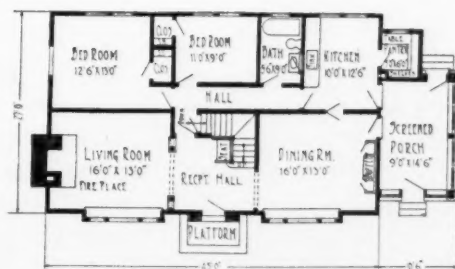
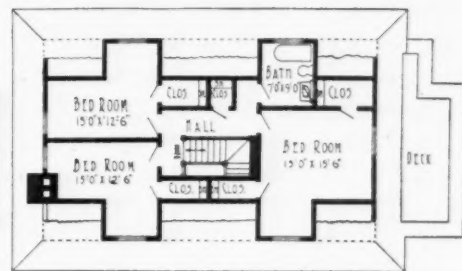
The owner believes an additional 2 feet on the left side could be used to advantage in the living room, dining room, pantry and porch. The position of the girder, however, would not be changed.

The living room has a cheerful fireplace built of mottled brick. The outside chimney, as well as the lower portion of the porch posts and foundations, are built of vitrified paving brick. Another feature in the living room are two book shelves built into the colonnades between living room and dining room.

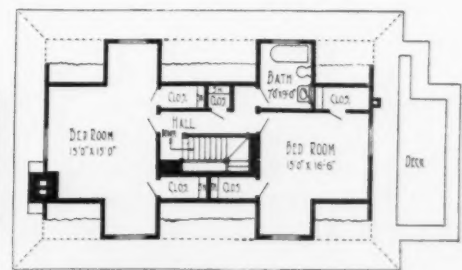
The pantry is conveniently built between the dining room and kitchen and may have an outside ice box. In this home the ice box is kept on the porch, but protected from the weather.



This Arrangement Gives Large Living Room.



This Arrangement Gives Two Down Stairs Bedrooms.



The bath room is located between the two bed rooms and readily reached from every portion of the house. It is large enough and has a linen closet. In the hallway is a clothes chute.

Each of the bed rooms has large closets and with the spacious attic there

is lots of room for storage purposes.

There is a basement under the entire house and it is concreted.

The attic is reached thru an enclosed stairway with the floor landing near the center of the building.

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Industrial Housing Problems—(PART III)

By Leslie H. Allen

Of the Aberthaw Construction Co.

Materials of Construction

Very little change has been made in recent years in construction methods and materials, the chief alteration being towards the reduction of fire risks and conflagration hazards.

The standard form of wall construction for rural districts continues to be wooden framing. Where city laws do not forbid it, this is used in the cities. The frame is usually lathed and plastered inside and covered with rough boarding, paper and shingles or clapboards outside. Cement stucco on wire lath is coming into vogue for exterior finish—at a slightly higher cost; this when put on satisfactorily requires less maintenance and no repainting but requires expert workmen to make a satisfactory job. In a few cities brick walls are more frequently used, furred on the inside and lathed and plastered. A few houses here and there have been built with hollow tile, stuccoed outside and plastered inside directly on the tile; and some experiments have been made in concrete houses; altho nowhere yet has Edison's dream been realized. The most noteworthy instance of concrete houses are the hundred houses at Donora, Pa., built for the American Steel & Wire Co., by the Aberthaw Construction Company. These houses, built with Lambie steel forms, have 6-inch reinforced concrete walls, stuccoed outside and furred and lathed and plastered inside. The forms, however, give such a smooth surface that it is intended on the next job to leave the concrete exterior surface bare, rubbing any irregularities and leaving a smooth concrete surface of even texture and color.

Altho no exact cost data can be given at the present time on the foregoing material, the following figures are, however, given in order to indicate the relative costs of these materials, based on present prices. As

prices do not vary consistently, these figures may not hold good for very long. In certain localities where clay for tile-making is abundant the prices of tile would be cheap and would indicate that this is the cheapest material to use. In other places where there is a good gravel supply right on the ground the relative cost of concrete would be reduced.

Assuming the cheapest construction, a wood framing, wood lathed and plastered on the inside and rough boarded and shingled on the outside, as our standard



A Street of Concrete Homes Built at Donora, Pa.

or 100 per cent, the relative costs of various houses would be as follows:

Wood framing, inside wood lathed and plastered, outside rough boarded and clapboarded and painted	102%
Wood framing, inside wood lathed and plastered, outside wire lathed and stuccoed	108½%
6" concrete wall, inside furred and lathed and plastered, outside rubbed smooth	112%
6" concrete wall, inside furred and lathed and plastered, outside stuccoed	116%
8" hollow tile, inside plastered direct, outside stuccoed	111%
8" brick wall, inside furred and lathed and plastered	115½%
Wood framing, veneered with 4" brick, inside lathed and plastered	113%

The chief roofing materials in use at the present time are wood shingles, asphalted felt shingles, asbestos shingles, slate, tile "ready" roofings, tar and gravel built-up roofings and tin roofings, the last three being used for flat roofs.

The wood shingles, while still in common use, are slowly giving place to other materials. Many cities have legislated against them, and as the asphalted felt shingle, which is a good deal more fireproof, can be put on for about the same price, it is coming into general use. The wood shingle is a



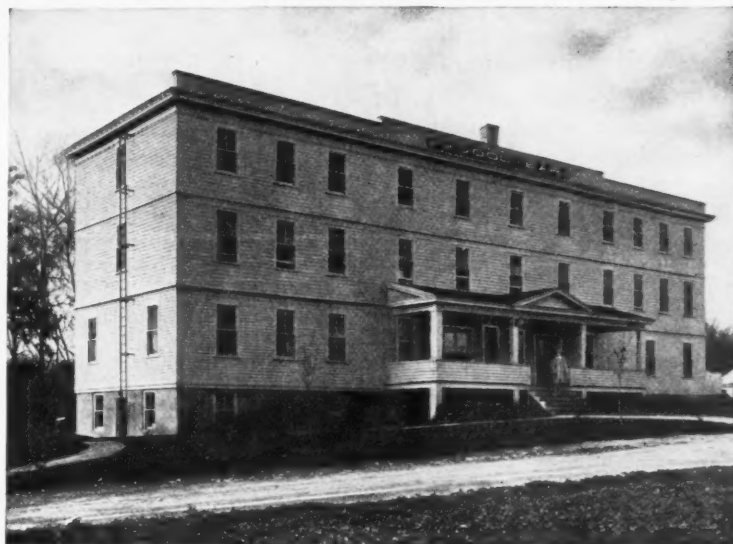
dangerous fire risk, on account of the ease with which conflagrations spread by burning shingles flying thru the air.

The asbestos shingle costs about twice as much, and is not so commonly used, altho it makes a more permanent roofing.

The cost of tile and slate roofing is so much higher than the above that they have to be left out of consideration in workmen's houses.

The flat roof covered with a 5-ply built-up tar and gravel roofing is considerably cheaper than any of the preceding, but its appearance is generally objected to. In our large cities, particularly in Philadelphia, it is used extensively, and, on account of the low first cost and maintenance expense, it is very favorably regarded. Various types of ready roofing are used as substitutes for built-up roofs, but, on account of the difficulty in making good water-tight joints they have not come into general favor. The tin covered roof is being used less and less. It is more expensive than the built-up roof and requires frequent repainting and maintenance. One of the stock objections to the flat roof is that it is hot, but, as a matter of fact, this is not the case. The flat roof should have underneath it a ceiling furred down to give a hollow space of at least 18 inches between the ceiling and the roof surface. This dead air space provides a proper insulation against heat and cold, and is actually cooler in summer and warmer in winter than a pitched roof in which the ceilings of the bedrooms are sloping.

The objection to the flat roof on account of its lack of architectural pretensions is not an insuperable one. Conditions of this sort should be a challenge to archi-



Plant Hotel or Boarding House.

fects to overcome.

Wood lath and plastering continue to be the customary method of finishing walls and ceilings. Plaster board covered with a finish coat costs very little more, and where speed is essential can be put on and dried out much more quickly. The various wall boards and composition boards offered as substitutes for plastering are not satisfactory for industrial houses. The cost per square foot is low, but the waste in cutting is very great unless specially ordered, and the result is not so permanent.

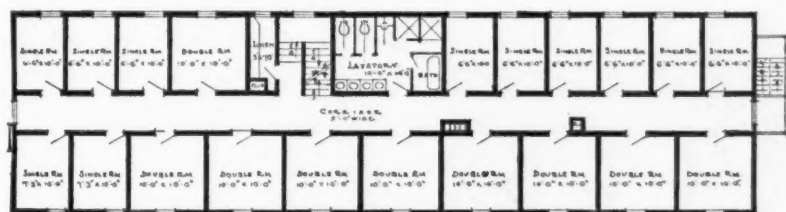
Interior woodwork is best stained and varnished and not painted, as it is less easily soiled.

Wall papers add nothing to the comfort or health of the tenant, but do add to the rent he has to pay, besides proving a harborage for vermin. Kitchen and bathroom walls are best painted with lead and oil, while many owners leave all other rooms bare or tint them with cold water paint.

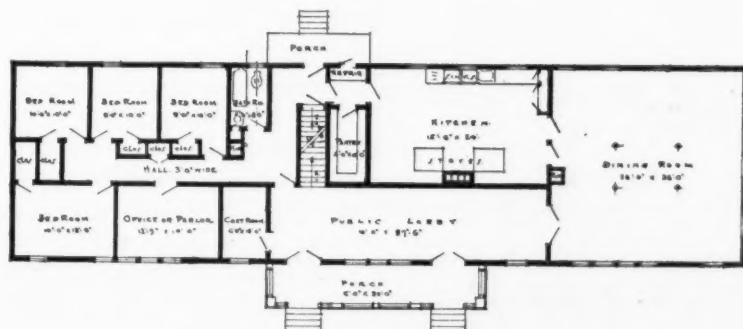
Architectural Design

In attempting to discuss architectural design we are treading upon difficult ground. No laws or limitations as to style can be laid down, and matters of taste cannot be discussed here. The designer of the workman's house is usually working under very strict limits of cost. It is his duty first of all to plan for the comfort, safety and health of the tenant, and if after this is done he has still some money left for architectural adornment, the money spent in this way is money well spent.

Any attempt to beautify the elevation has to be paid for. Each dormer, every valley, each moulding, porch or



SECOND & THIRD FLOOR PLAN.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Floor Plans of Plant Hotel or Boarding House.

railing has to be reckoned up in dollars, and where it becomes a question of sacrificing necessary floor space or internal convenience for outside embellishments, the tenant's vote, if he were given a chance to exercise it, would almost invariably be for the internal necessities rather than the external luxuries and ornamental effects.

In planning a house the square plan bounded by straight lines is the cheapest and most economical. As the plan changes from square to oblong, the ratio of walls to floor space increases, and with it the cost. Any departure from the right angle means increased labor and waste of material in cutting.

Porches should be so designed that they do not shut off sunlight from any room. In many row houses a continuous porch is built right across the front, with the result that sunlight never enters the front room on the ground floor. As sunlight is the greatest foe of disease germs, it will be seen what a detriment this is to the health of the inmate.

Valleys and dormers in a roof not only add to its cost, but to its maintenance, as these angles in the

roof are the points where leaks first make their appearance.

No applied architectural ornament can equal the beauty or permanence of a careful planting of trees, shrubs and vines. The plainest of houses suitably planted with quick-growing vines on permanent trellises, and with a good shade-tree in front, will look far better than the most ornate building, elevation and cost much less.

In studying photographs of successful housing developments it will be seen that those which win the most general approval are those in which this feature has been given careful attention.

Layout of Streets

The deadly monotony of straight rows can be avoided by houses set at varying distances from the frontage line, and the appearance of the street can be much improved as well as more light and air being given to each building.

In laying out the street line it will generally be found that the streets which follow contours of the ground, provided these are not too irregular, give a more pleasing effect, and in many cases save large sums of money that would otherwise have to be expended on cut and fill, embankment and retaining walls.

Size of Lot

No general rule can be laid down as to the size of the lot that should be given the worker. Until the recent movement for home gardening was started it was not customary to find more than one garden in three under cultivation in cities. Many workmen work so hard all day that they have not the time or strength to do any gardening in the evening. Even if they do, ignorance of methods of cultivation and the impossibility of protecting their land from the raids of children in adjoining houses and the neighbors' fowls, make it a very discouraging and difficult matter.

In some sections the English scheme of gardening in "allotments" has been tried successfully. In such cases the houses are built on very small lots of land and a reservation of several acres is provided for gardening. This is fenced in and cut up into small allotments and let out in small sec-



A Pretty Stone Bay with Interesting Gable Window Above.

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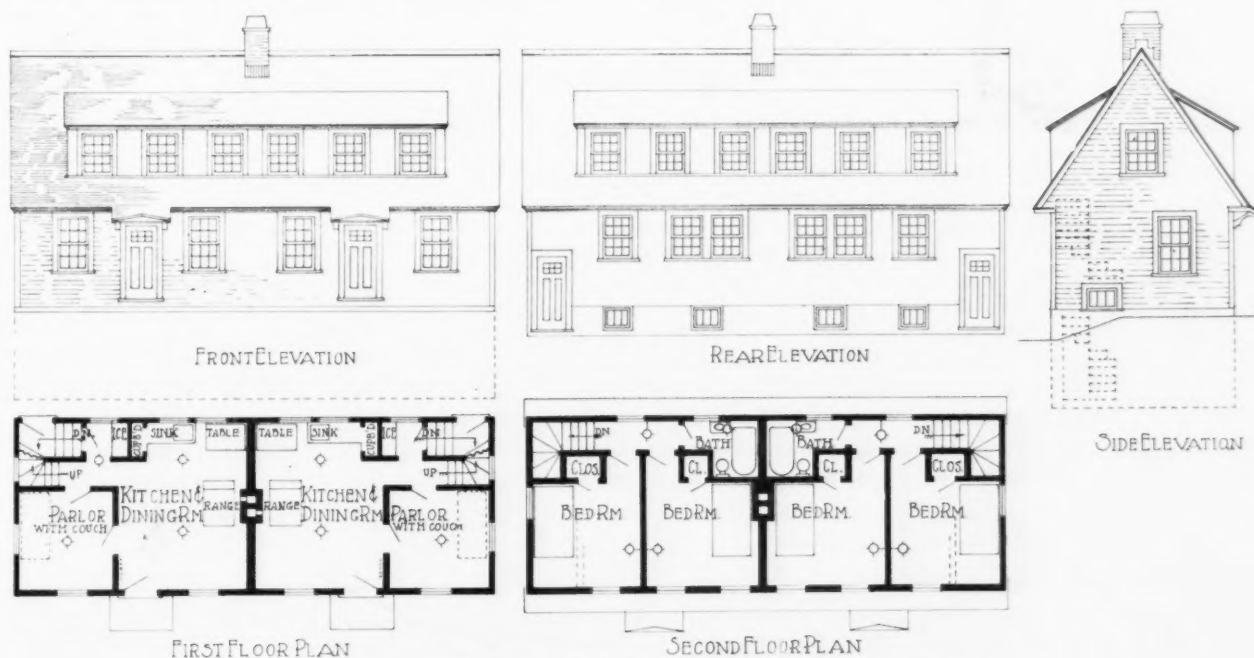
State Starts Experiment on Low Cost Houses

WILL DETERMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF A \$2,000 HOME

TO build a home within reach of the family with a \$15 a week income is the purpose of the State of Massachusetts in launching its Lowell realty project.

This action on the part of the Commonwealth is the first governmental attempt in America to solve the problem of building attractive and comfortable homes which can be bought by a family of small means. The Homestead Commission have been endeavoring for several years to have the experiment sanctioned by the Legislature. After many constitutional obstacles were overcome, it was approved by the Legislature on May 25, 1917, which gave the Homestead Commission authority, thru consent of the Governor and Council, to purchase a tract or tracts of land for the purpose of providing homesteads for the artisan population and others who are citizens of the state.

Architects) showing one of several types of houses to be erected. Each house will contain modern conveniences such as electric light, bath, and hot and cold water. Altho no heating system will be installed, provision will be made for stoves in the bedrooms. Some of the double houses (as the sketch portrays) will contain living-room and dining-room and kitchen (one large room) on the first floor and two chambers and bathrooms on the second floor. The commission will try and maintain the "American Standard" of house, which allows for three rooms on the first floor and three on the second floor, in the majority of the dwellings. Each house will also have a complete cellar, well lighted and ventilated. Both single and double type of houses will be built, and the latter will be designed to give each family as much privacy as possible.



One of the Double House Types to be Built by the State at Lowell, Mass.

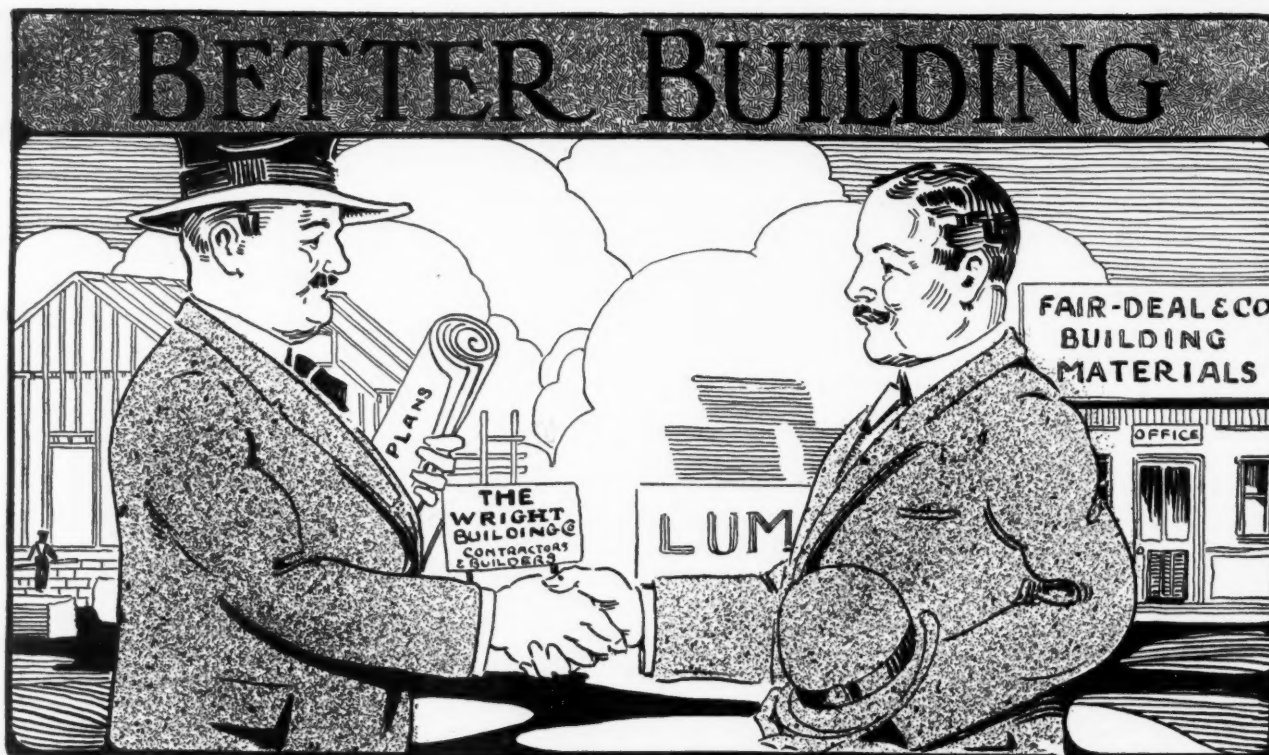
The members of the Commission decided on a tract of land comprising seven acres, located on Hildreth street, Lowell, as most adapted for the initial project. The land is located within one mile of Merrimac square, the principal business center of Lowell, and within a corresponding distance or less of about a dozen of the largest mills. This site was selected last year, but no action was taken until permission was given by Governor McCall and Council on Aug. 15. A year ago it was estimated by the commission that the cost of each lot of land and erection of each house would be about \$2,000. Since then, however, building material has advanced, so the cost may be a little more than this amount.

The above sketches are preliminary plans made by William Roger Greeley (of Kilham & Hopkins, archi-

The Homestead Commission are procuring figures on various types of construction, such as brick, terra cotta, frame, etc. By so doing, a study of every economical advantage will be made. For example, if it costs more to erect a brick house than it would a frame house, but the upkeep of the latter is more than enough to offset the additional cost of the former, the brick house will be preferred. Every precaution will be taken by the State to insure the construction of substantial houses.

The disposition of the houses will be made on the most liberal terms. All houses will be sold at cost, as the Commonwealth's venture into the realty business is not one for commercial advantage but to relieve the wretched conditions of the houses of the low-paid

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A Back Yard Poultry Campaign

CHANCE FOR LUMBER DEALERS AND BUILDERS TO STIR UP SOME BUSINESS AND DO UNCLE SAM A GOOD TURN AT THE SAME TIME

LAST spring the government food experts were urging all people to plant a garden; this year the garden is just as essential, but in addition all citizens are urged to assist further in reducing the high cost of living by keeping chickens. By giving prominence to this request of the government the astute dealer in building materials of all sorts will not only aid his country, but likewise increase his own business, as the keeping of chickens presupposes a chicken house, runways, fencing, and very likely sheds for storing grains and tools.

An excellent campaign along these lines was recently instituted by a Litchfield, Ill., lumber and tile merchant, whose office was located in the business district of the town.

They paved the way for arousing public interest by their ads in the local paper, embellished with cuts of several chicken houses, and likewise of a number of breeds of fowls.

UNCLE SAM WANTS LITCHFIELDIANS TO RAISE POULTRY IN THEIR BACK YARDS

Aid your country in food conservation; reduce the high cost of living, and enjoy nourishing food by keeping a little flock.

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY

Then come in and let us tell you how you can build an economical and practical chicken house, such other outbuildings as may be necessary, and how to get the best results from your flock.

An even better form of advertising would have been a card addressed to a selected list of householders both in town and country, extending an invitation to come and see their window display, and likewise consult them regarding the problems of chicken raising. Many people pay but little attention to general advertising, but thru curiosity, if for no other reason, would drop around to see such a display if the matter was brought to their personal attention.

In one of their windows was shown a chicken house 5 feet square, thru the glass doors of which could be seen a little flock of chickens. Cards on the wall, neatly lettered in black, advised:

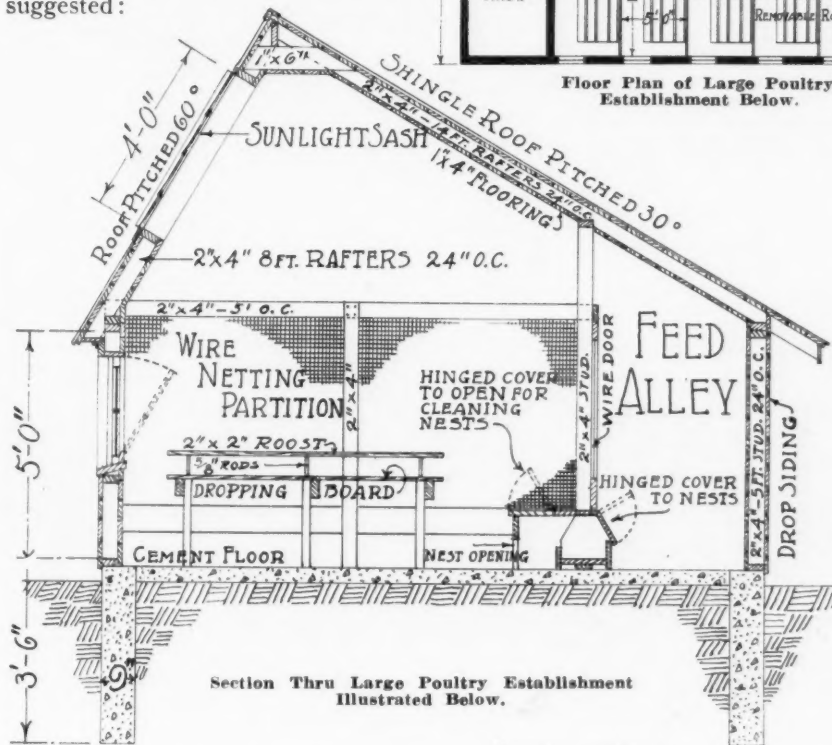
Every pound of chicken meat produced in America releases a pound of red meat for the soldier boys.

Keep a back yard flock—three hens for each member of the family—and aid in reducing the high cost of living.

Down in front were the ground plans of a house similar to the one exhibited, but larger (8x8), suitable for housing a flock of from 25 to 30.

Inside, along one side of the wall, were shown rolls of wire fencing, hen coops, and wire frame 6 feet long and 3 feet wide, covered with one inch mesh wire. It was made of 2x4 lumber, with an additional

piece across the center to support the wire when the hens stood on it. Up thru the meshes of the wire green oats were shooting, and a card on the wall behind it suggested:

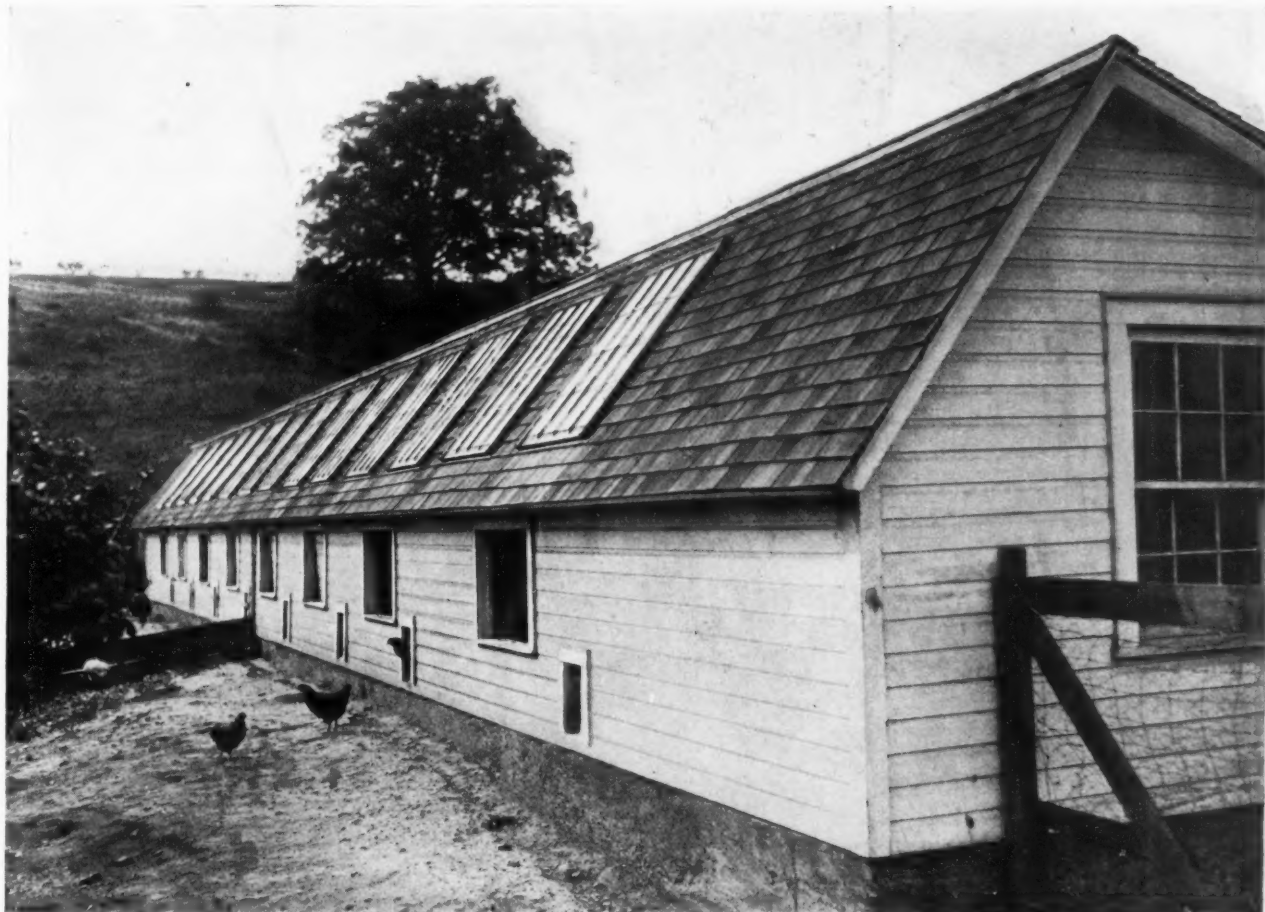


WIRE FRAME FOR SMALL CHICKEN YARD.

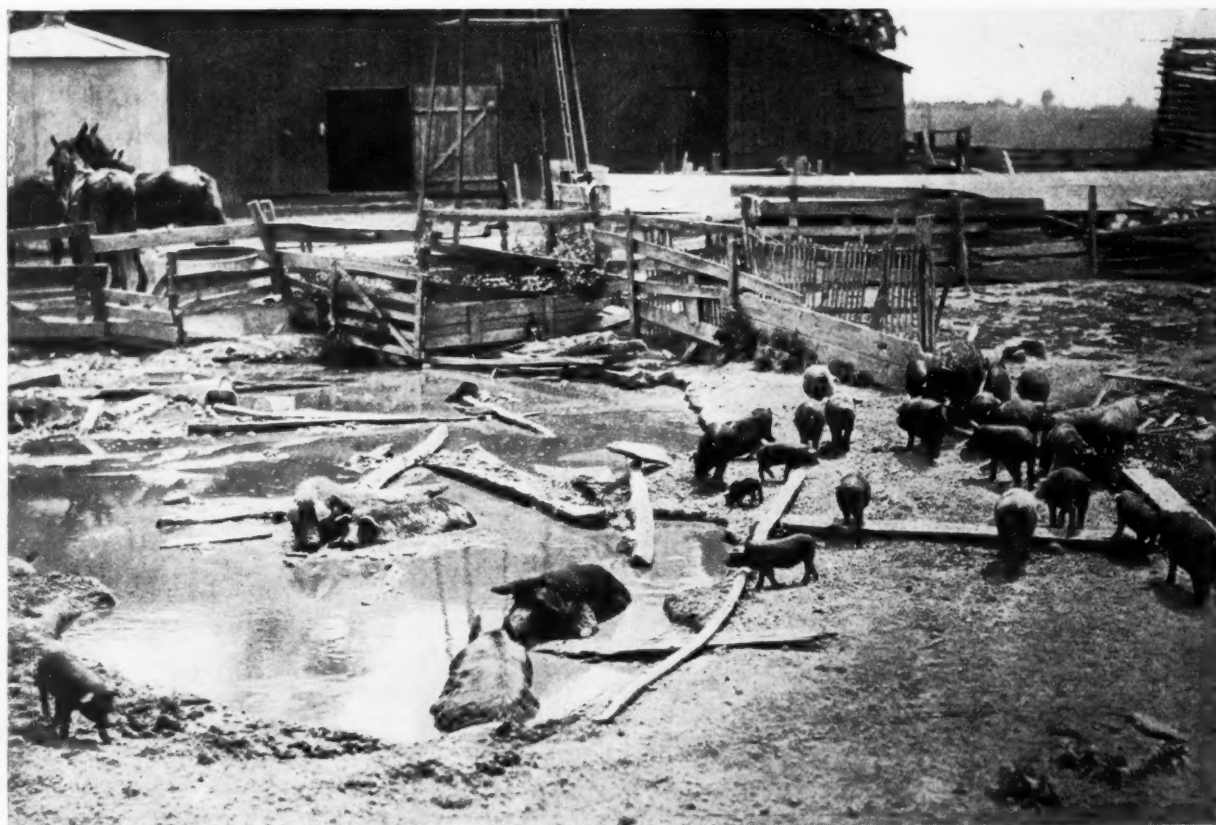
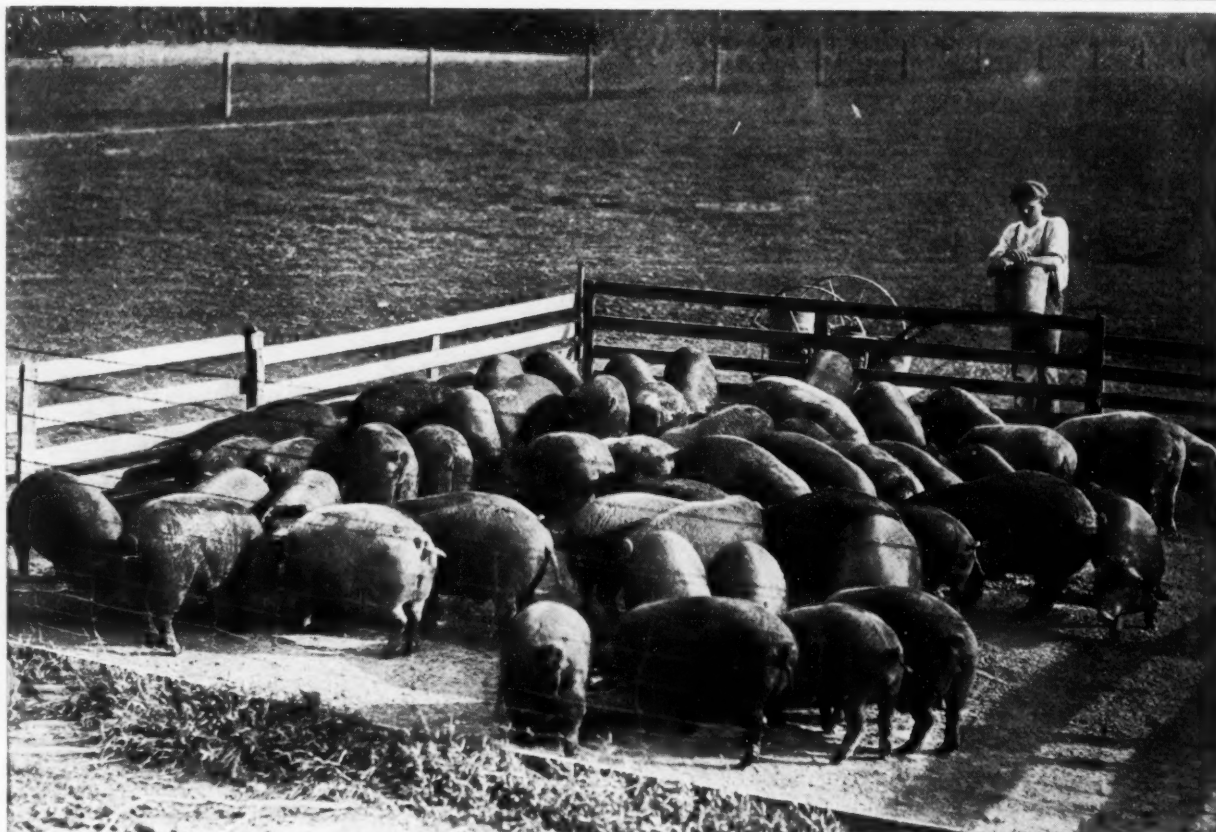
Where space is not available for two yards, to be used alternately, green food may be secured by use of a frame like this. Plant the crop beneath it and as the shoots come up thru the wire the hens will eat them off, but as they cannot eat them down to the roots the sprouts will continue to grow and supply new green material.

A publicity campaign such as this is sure to interest scores of people, particularly suburban dwellers, the country housewife, as well as her sister in the city, and is sure to result in many questions being asked. Of course anyone in the office can supply all the neces-

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Type of Large Poultry Establishment. For Plan and Section See Above.



A CONTRAST IN PIG LOTS. This improvement doesn't cost much and is easily done. It is a money-maker for the hog raiser. Insanitary conditions too often seen in the feed lot, in contrast with sanitary concrete feeding floor illustrated above.

STRUCTURAL TILE WORK

for Houses, Farm Buildings,
Stores, Garages, etc.

conducted by
MATT L. KING
TILE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER



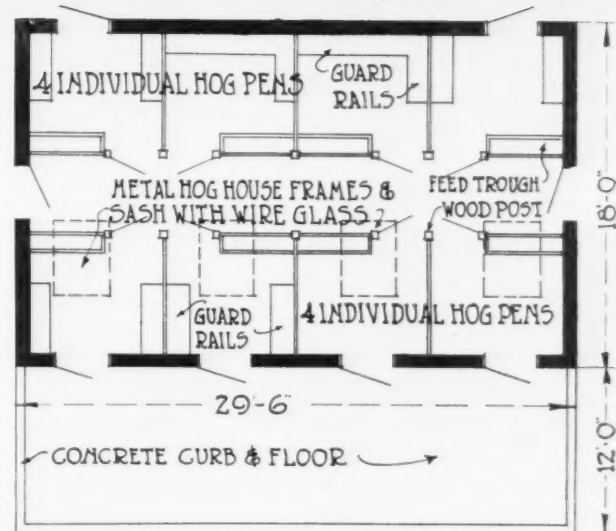
Constructing the Smaller Farm Buildings for Keeps

Hollow Tile Is Easy to Use and Makes Permanent Buildings

THOSE who build of structural tile are pretty apt to build again, using the same material. If the dairy barn is put up with hollow tile basement walls, the chances are good that before very long there will be a new hog house, poultry house, silo, or milk house constructed also of hollow tile.

The reason is that the farmers admire the looks of the smooth, clean tile walls; they appreciate the snug warmth and dryness of these buildings inside; and they relish the permanency which they feel the use of this material gives them.

When the farmer makes a building improvement he likes to feel that it will last—that he won't have to be doing it over again in the course of a few years.

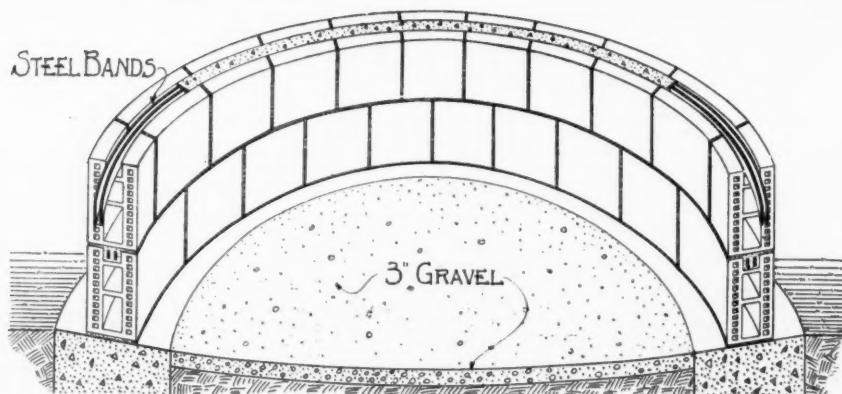


Photograph and Floor Plan of Hollow Tile Hog House, Size 18 by 29 Feet 6 Inches, Containing Eight Pens and Lighted by Four Roof Windows.

Building Improvements to Aid Food Production



The Circular Tile Ice House Is Built of Silo Blocks Curved to the Proper Circle and Reinforced with Steel Bands in Each Course of Blocks.



A Permanent Ice House on an Iowa Farm. Similar Buildings Are Used for Granaries, Root Storage, Etc.

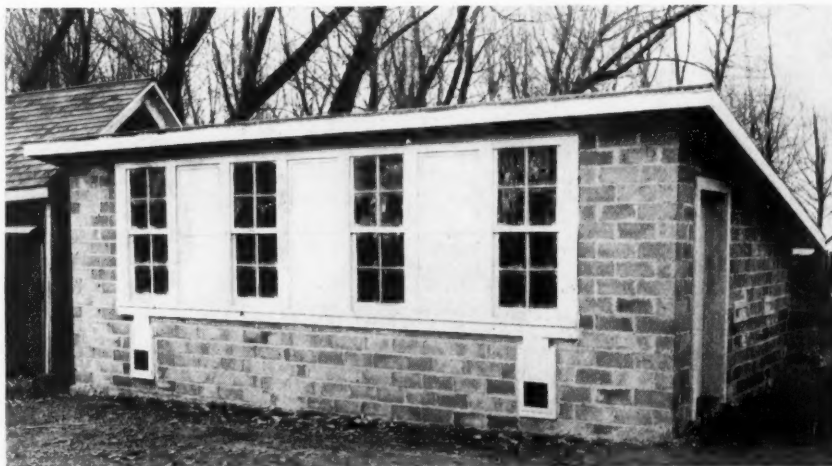
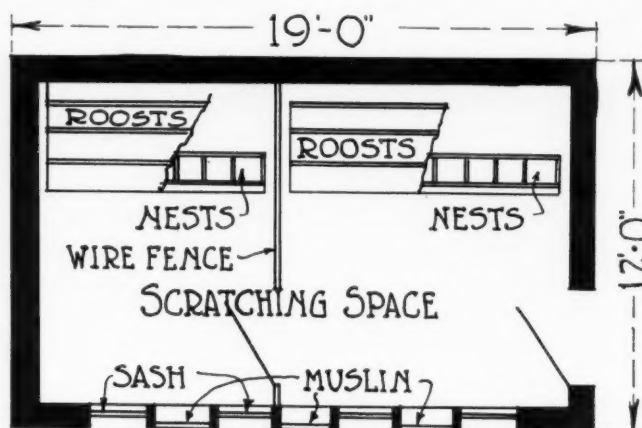
He figures that it is worth a little more and will save him money in the long run to have the work done thoroly in the first place.

In a great many localities the local lumber dealer carries in stock the tile commonly wanted for farm buildings. An assortment of a very few shapes and sizes serves every purpose. More and more the local builders are becoming acquainted with tile and have no trouble in laying up a first class job.

This year, all the emphasis should be put on building improvements that will aid food production. We must raise more live stock, more grain, roots and fruit; and then take care of what is raised that it may all be utilized. This will

require building improvements — temporary make-shifts possibly, but wherever it can be done, permanent improvements which will add to the value of farm lands and make for general prosperity.

The structural tile community hog house, the circular ice house, and the open front poultry house illustrated are very useful buildings. It would be hard to find any more important. Build them this spring so that part of the high priced crop money may be invested in lasting improvements, and also that Uncle Sam's total of food production and crop food utilization may be increased.



Permanent Poultry House of Hollow Tile, Well Liked for Its Warmth, Dryness and Freedom from Vermin. The "Open Front," Composed of Alternate Glass and Muslin Panels, Gives Light and Ventilation.



A Very Pretty Two-Car Garage of Hollow Tile, Stuccoed. The Doors Are Hung in Two Groups of Three Panels Each, Arranged to Slide Back Around the Corner Inside.

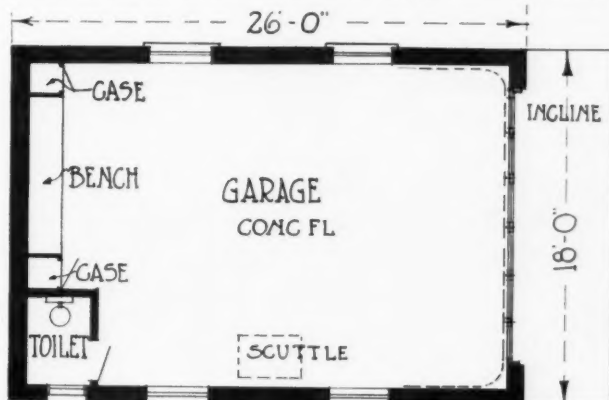
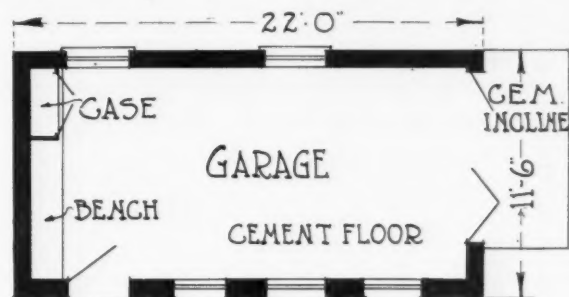
When I Build a Garage

SOME day I am going to, in order to get away from the high cost of "boarding" at the public garage. I will build my garage in the back yard close to the house, and will make it as nearly fireproof as I can. That is, the floor will be concrete and the walls hollow tile.

It is fifty-fifty with me whether the tile surface is stuccoed or, vitrified tile being used, the dark brown surface of the tile itself is left exposed. Both are good looking, and both give good protection for the car—which is the important thing.

If I build a double garage I will make it 18 by 26 feet, and if for one car, 11½ by 22 feet. I want plenty of windows and doors that operate easily. I know that there are several first class ways to hang garage

doors, and special hardware for the purpose, and I am going to look into them all very carefully before I decide; because a hard working door or one that is not weather-tight is an everlasting nuisance. B. L. J.



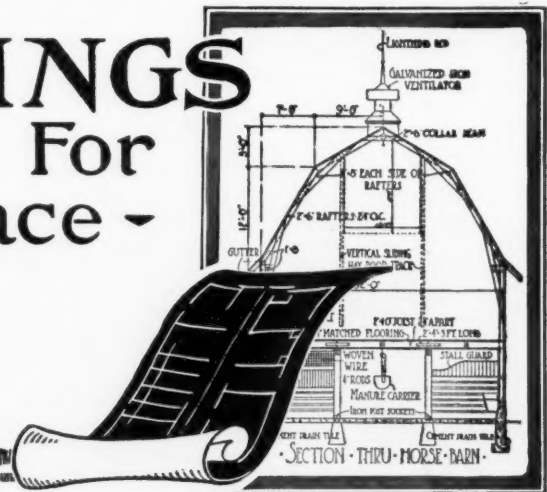
Floor Plan of Two-Car Stuccoed Tile Garage Illustrated Above.



Photograph and Floor Plan of One-Car Tile Garage. The Variety of Coloring in the Tiles Makes a Pretty Wall.

FARM BUILDINGS

Arranged For Convenience -



A Barn That is "Different"

Photographs and Floor Plan of Gothic Roof, L-Shaped Barn for Cows and Horses, Built Near Wimbledon, N. Dak.

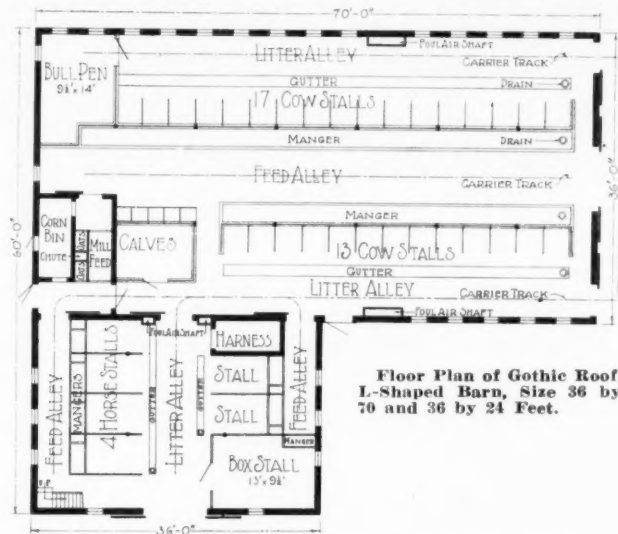
GOTHIC roof barns—those with curved roofs in the form of a pointed arch—are getting to be quite common. There are a few leaders among the farmers in every community who occupy a conspicuous position and who favor the unique or distinctive type of farm building for that reason. These like the Gothic roof barn. Even if the cost should be a trifle more, they gladly stand it because of the distinction which a big barn of this type gives a farmstead.

The L-shaped barn with a Gothic roof is not so common. Barn builders have worked out a standard solution to the roof framing problem of the Gothic barn and it seldom gives trouble any more; but when Contractor Wm. C. Ruben and his men undertook to roof this L-shaped building they were up against a new proposition in the curved hip and valley rafters where the two roofs intersect.

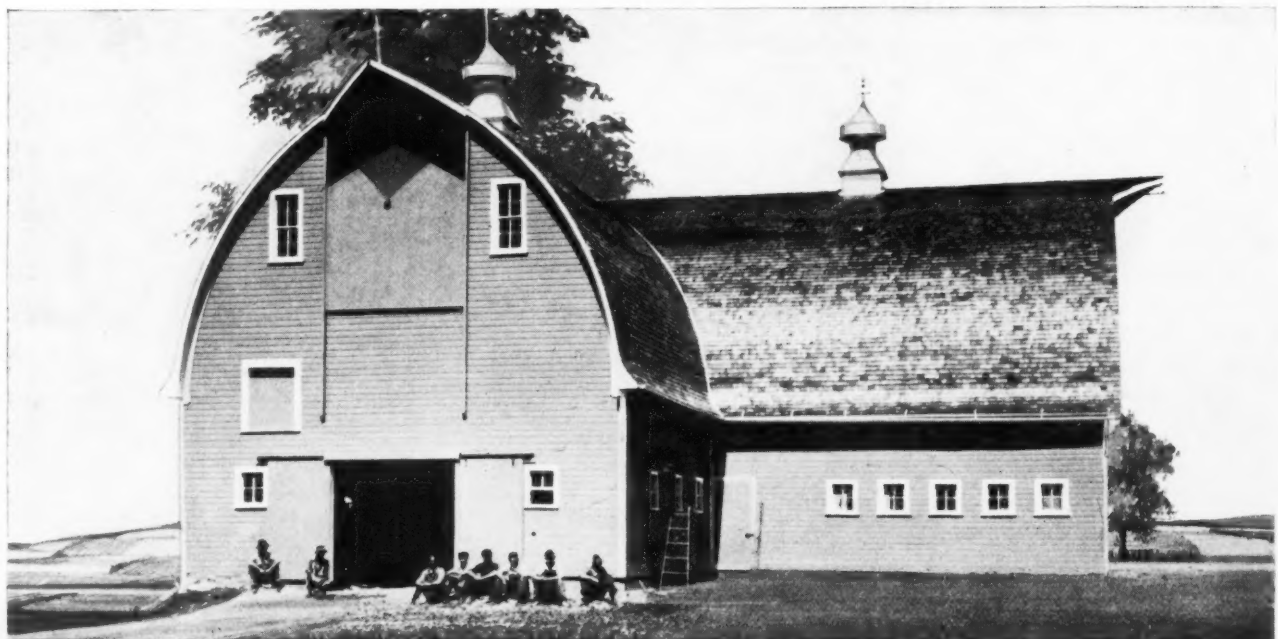
It is the same problem, but on a much larger scale,

encountered in building a curved ceiling in a square room.

A close examination of the two photographs of this job during construction will be both interesting and in-



Floor Plan of Gothic Roof, L-Shaped Barn, Size 36 by 70 and 36 by 24 Feet.



Contractor Wm. C. Ruben and His Men Are Proud of the Finished Job—A Gothic Roof, L-Shaped Barn, Near Wimbledon, N. Dak.

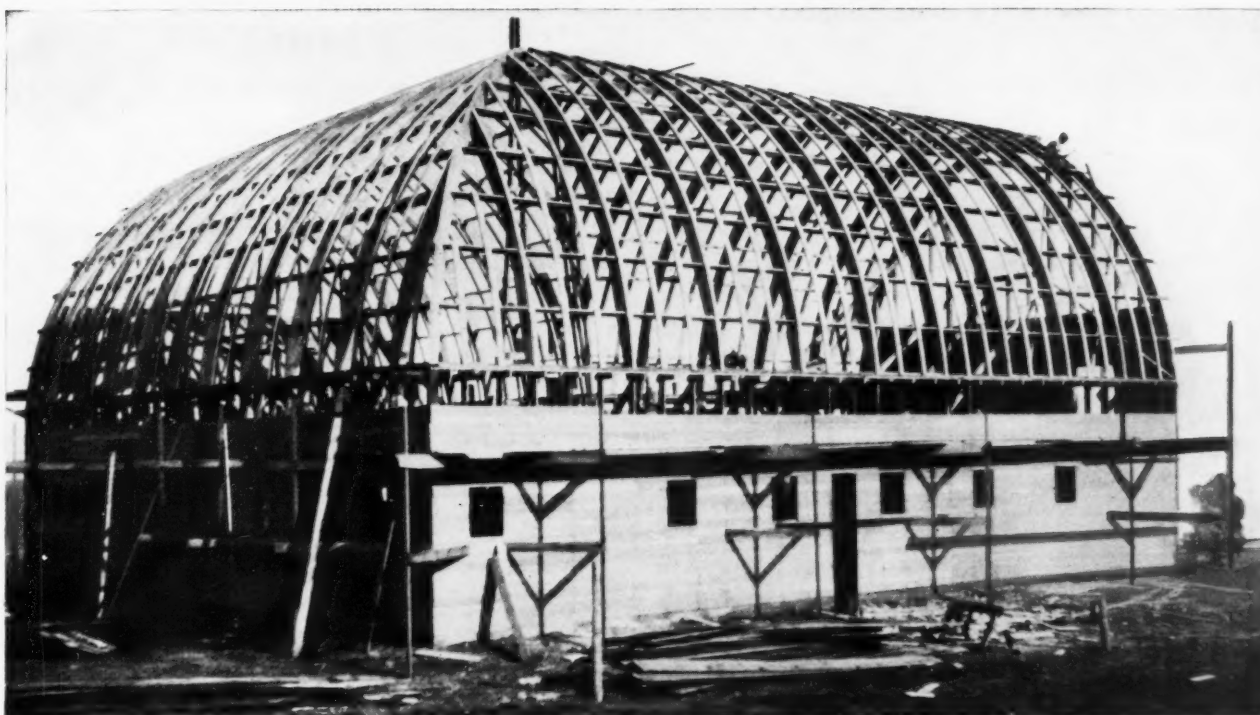


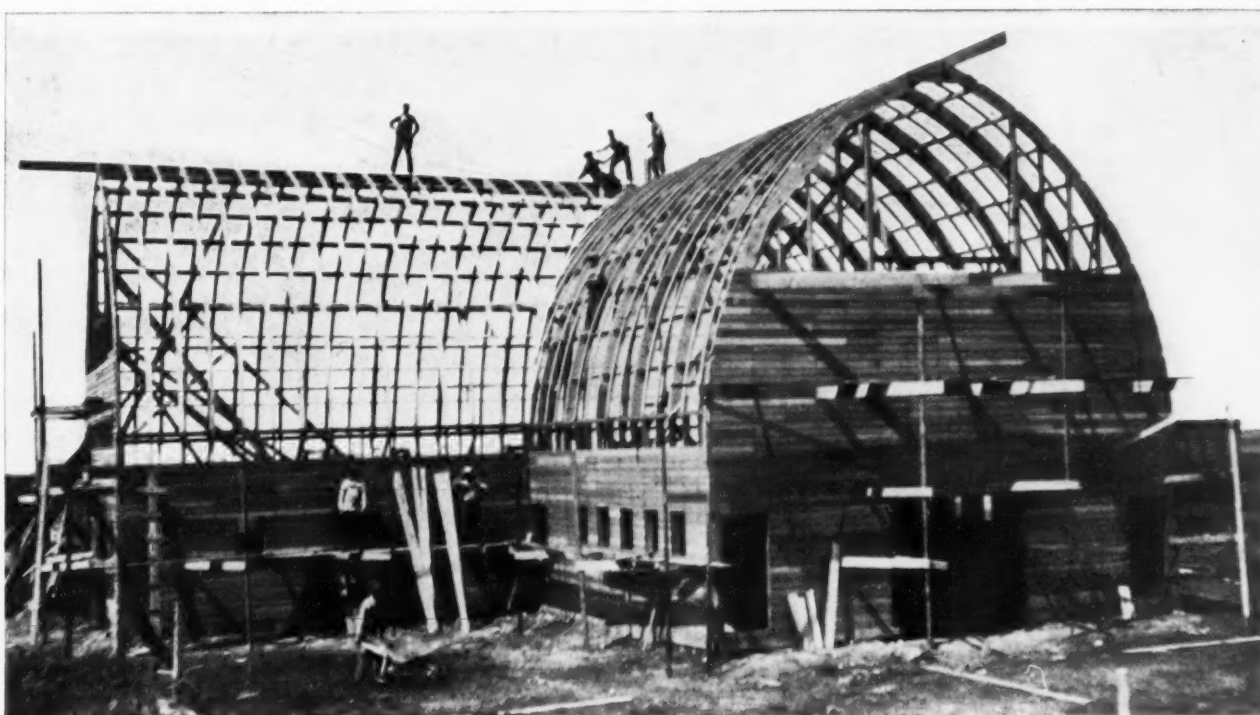
Photo During Construction Viewed from the Rear. The Curve Hip Rafter Where the Two Parts of the Roof Intersect, Requires Considerable Skill to Lay Out.

structive to other builders. The hip and valley rafters are made very heavy. Their curvature is, of course, not the same as that of the common rafters, but corresponds point for point the same as a straight hip or valley corresponds to its common rafter. The task is to lay out the diagram and fashion the curves on this huge scale.

This style roof is self-supporting with an absolutely clean mow with no purlin posts or braces of any kind,

that is, extending below the curved ribs. Several lines of boards are nailed on diagonally across the roof from one end at the plate up to the ridge at the other end to act as wind bracing.

Turning to the stable floor plan of this barn, you see an excellent arrangement for taking care of both cows and horses in the same building. Stalls for thirty milch cows are arranged in the main section of the barn, while the horse stable is in the "L."



L-Shaped Gothic Roof Barn During Construction. Every Fourth Rafter Is Built Up to Form a Strong Rib. The Outside Edge Is Sawed to the Circle. Intermediate Rafters Are Bent to Shape Over the Cross Ribs.

Two Successful Pigeon Plants

THE PROFIT AND FUN OF RAISING SQUABS—HOW TO BUILD A SMALL PIGEON HOUSE AND A LARGE ONE

By F. Arthur Hazard

Secretary American Squab Breeders' Ass'n.

WITH the ever-soaring prices of meat, it behooves the man who has a back yard to put in a few pairs of good pigeons and raise squabs for his table. This can be done on a small scale, and one will be surprised to see what can be accomplished. There is no more toothsome meat known than that of the young pigeon—the squab.

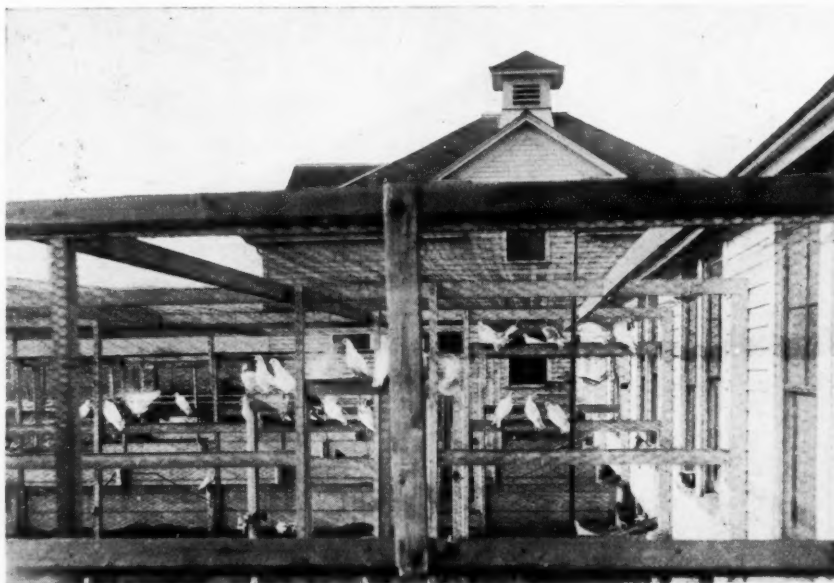
The squab is hatched in seventeen days from the date that the egg is first laid. In four weeks from the time the squab is hatched it is ready to be killed and eaten. A remarkably short time for meat to grow to such a size that it can be consumed. It is one of the fastest growing meats that we know of, being unlike the chicken, which takes a great deal longer to grow to killing age.

Therefore, for the person who wishes to enter this industry, whether on a large or small scale, I have drawn the accompanying plans, so that he might have a guide by which to build his pigeon house.

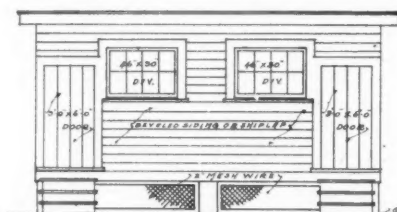
How to Build the Small Squab House

Let's take the smaller of the two houses. Here is shown a two-room house that will easily accommodate fifteen pairs of breeders in each room, with plenty of

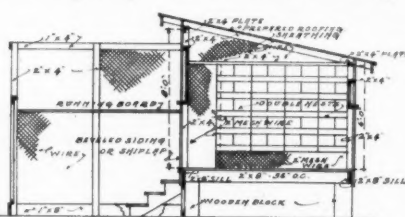
room to spare. In each room there are nests on either side. In this manner the nests are somewhat darkened, which is preferable, as a pigeon does not like a light ray flowing into its nest. These nests need not be constructed as shown, but may be made from orange



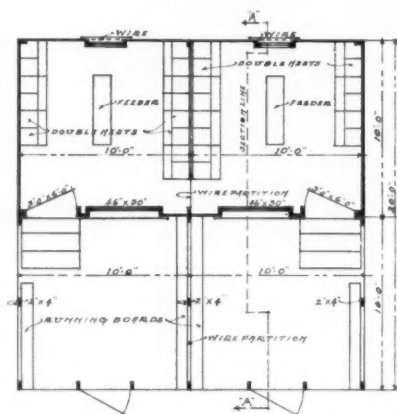
If You Have a Back Yard Build a Pigeon House and Raise Squabs for Your Table.



FRONT ELEVATION
SHOWING FLYPEN REMOVED



SECTION A-A
SHOWING FLYPEN POSITION



PLAN

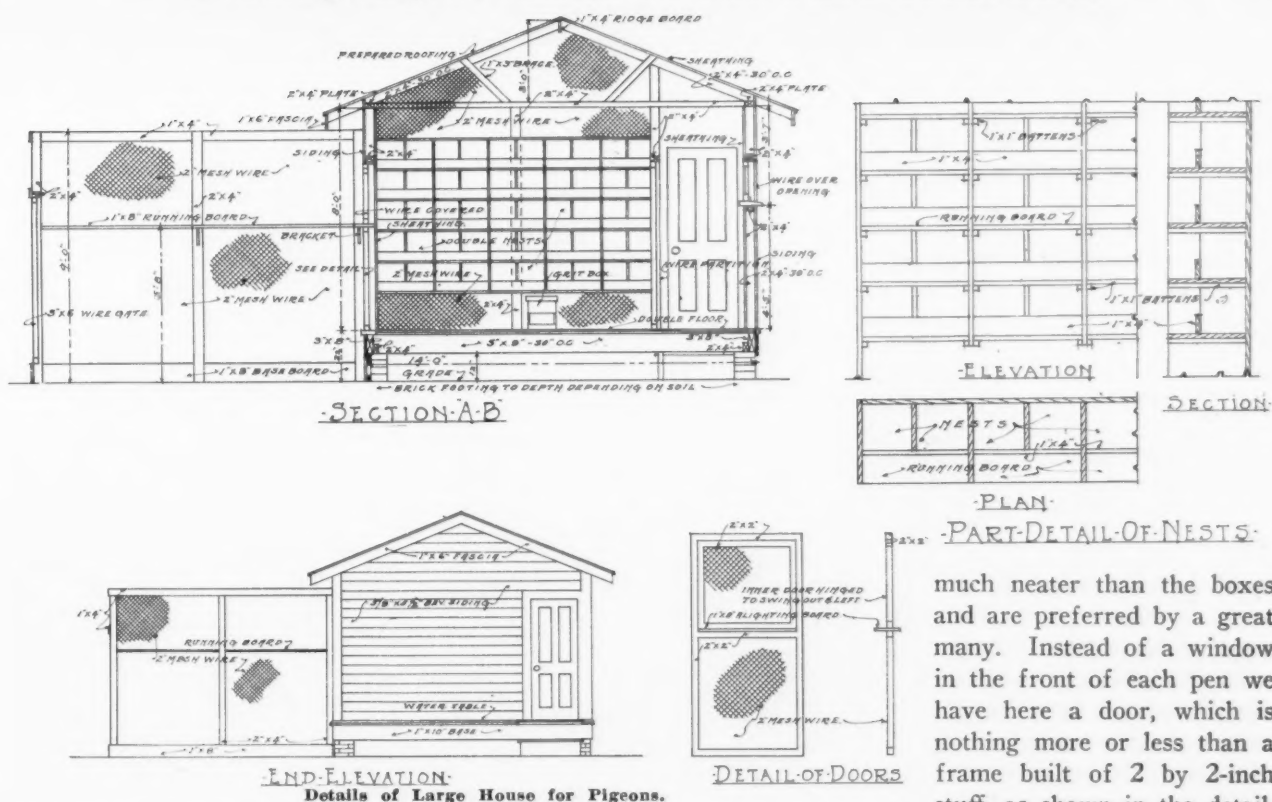
Plans for Building a Small Squab House

crates, which are much cheaper than those shown on the plan. When the orange boxes are used, a series of shelves must be placed on which to rest these boxes, so that cleaning may be effected more easily than if the boxes were just piled up on each other. Each room has a window in both front and rear. That one in front should be of glass, while the rear one is simply an opening covered on the outside with small mesh wire. A solid board blind is here used when it is desired to close up this opening.

In front of the house is the cage, or what is known among experienced pigeon men as the "fly pen." In this the birds stay when off duty and to bask in the sunshine. This is covered with 2-inch mesh wire. Where there is little possibility of being bothered with sparrows there is no use to cover this cage with 1-inch mesh wire, as it is far too expensive.

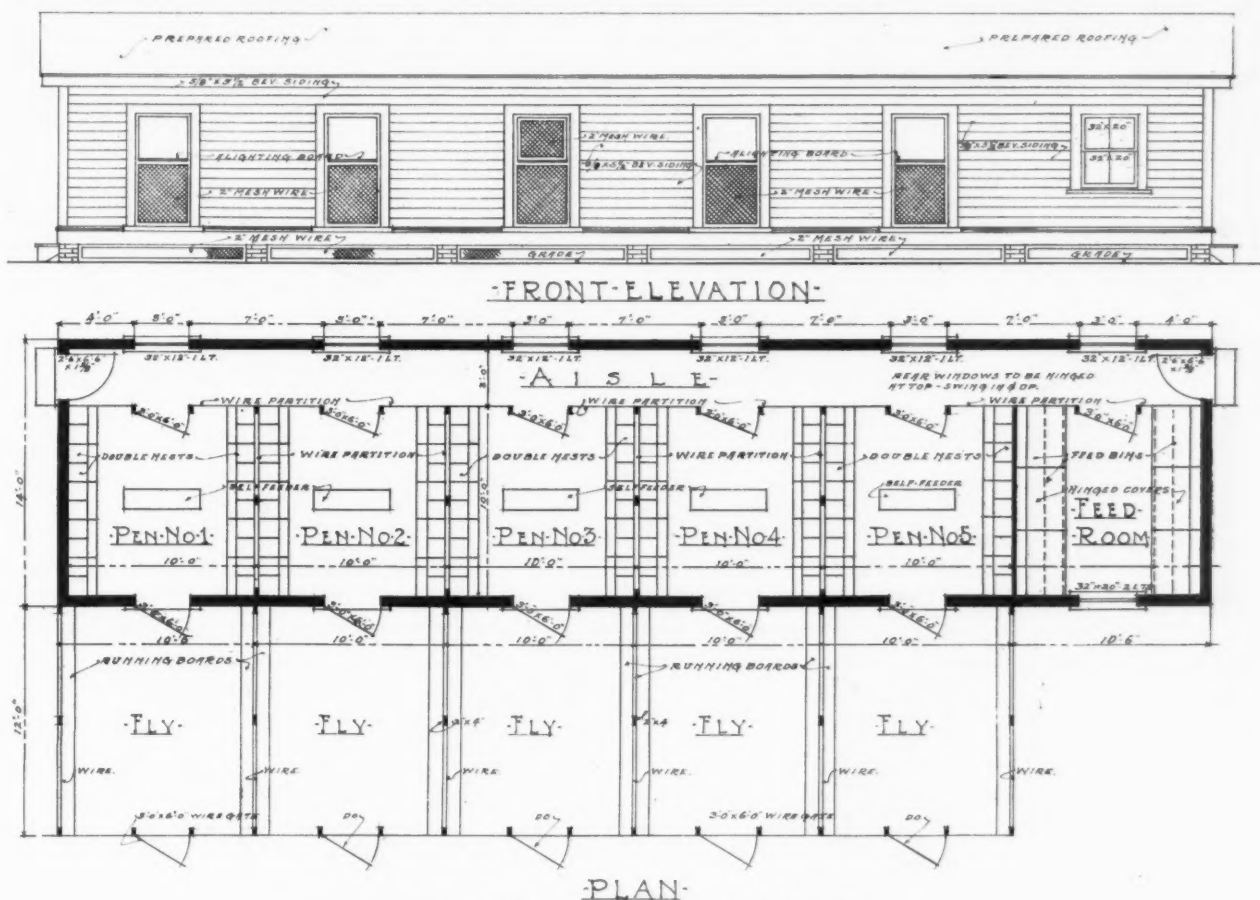
Construction of the Larger House

In the larger house we have what is termed as the "unit" house and that style of pigeon house which is used almost exclusively by the larger breeders throughout the East. As shown by the plan, this house is constructed with an alleyway down the rear of it, so as to make the work of feeding and caring for the birds



more quickly accomplished. In each pen or nest room we can again use the orange-box nest instead of the built-in nests, as shown. In drawing these plans the writer showed the built-in nests, for in reality they are

The lower half of this is covered with 2-inch mesh wire. The upper half of the door has a removable frame inside that is also covered with 2-inch mesh wire. This is held in place by little thumb bolts



Plan and Front View of Large House for Pigeons.

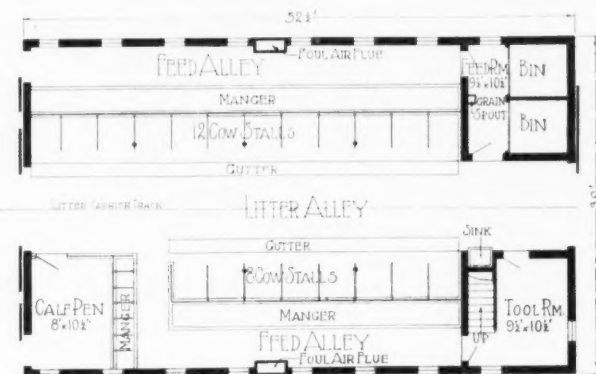


Barn for Twenty Cows Arranged to Face Out, so as to Drive Thru. Size of Barn Is 52½ by 32 Feet.

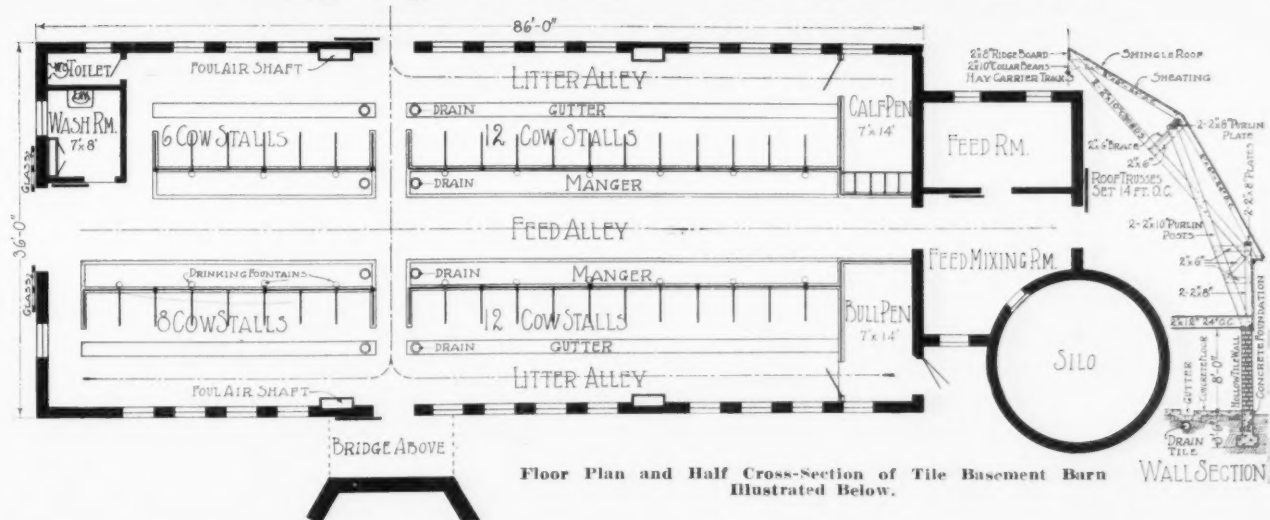
and is removed when it is not desired to close the birds up in the house. When the weather is warm the whole door is swung out on its hinges and simply a large opening left for the birds to pass in and out. The partitions between the pens are of 2-inch mesh wire, as shown in the sectional view detail. The floor should be doubled, if at all possible, in order that the cold air from below may be shut out. In warmer climates one floor will be sufficient, but should not be filled with cracks. Groove and tongue stuff should be used if the price will permit.

As to the construction of the houses, a glance at the drawings and details will make everything clear, for we have given sizes, spaces and practically every dimension that is needed. Another advantage is that one will note that all sizes of lumber are stock sizes and such as are readily secured in every town or city. If the construction proves to be too expensive with the

siding as shown, square-edge boards, nailed vertically, with a batten over each crack, will do just as well, but, of course, will not look as neat. When the thin, beveled siding is to be used it is wise to use a covering over the studs on the inside of the house. I have



Floor Plan of Small Dairy Barn Above.



found from experience that the siding alone is not sufficient to make the house as warm as it should be, especially in very cold weather.

In concluding, I wish to state that the man who has business cares and worries can turn to nothing that will afford him more amusement and recreation than squab raising. The more care and attention you give them the tamer they get and the more you will learn

to like them. But just a little advice. Do not try to make a start with birds that are being sold off for a song, for you will rue the day that you bought them. No workman can accomplish much with poor tools. So with pigeons. Buy the very best that your pocket can afford, and you will wear a smile and still be breeding pigeons when the other fellow has sold out and torn down his pigeon house for firewood.



Tile Basement Bridge Barn at Briar Comb Farm, Winona County, Minnesota. The Stable Floor Plan Shown Above Provides for Thirty-eight Cows in a Barn 86 Feet Long.

More Fire-Stopping Frame Construction

By Ralph W. Ermeling, Architect

SOME styles of architecture require a box cornice with a wood gutter trough similar to that shown in Fig. 1, and others, like gambrel roofs, have overhanging eaves or cornices, much as the case illustrated by Fig. 5. If a fire originates in the lower part of the building and passes up thru the wall between the studding, there is nothing in the ordinary construction to prevent it passing on up into the garret or top floor as the case may be. The board shown in Fig. 1 holding the fire-stopping in place is the chief fire retardant in this detail, altho the main plate above serves the same purpose. It should be noticed, however, that without the lower board set where it is, flames could pass up between the floor joists. The boards set on edge between the joists help to prevent the passage of fire and also act as a retainer for the mineral wool or other incombustible material used for filling.

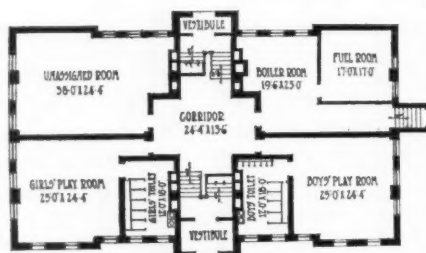
This form of construction, and that of Fig. 5, tends to prevent fire from a nearby building breaking thru into the attic space. Such fire-stopping will protect

also against fire which might lap up under the eaves thru the windows from a fire below within the house itself.

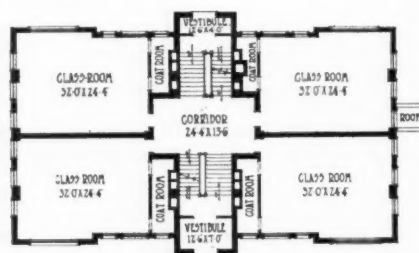
Fire chiefs report that fire from a burning porch is frequently carried thru stud walls to the attic or upper story of a house. How this may be avoided is shown in detail in Figs. 6 and 7, the former with a porch built out from a straight vertical wall, and in the latter where a room on the second floor overhangs part way beyond the face of the wall below. Asbestos or sheet metal is recommended for a facing over the sheathing which comes below the roof of the porch, and also a simply constructed wood enclosure or boxing for the incombustible filling where the fire might have a chance to pass thru the framing from the porch into the building. Even tho no filling is used, the wooden stops will prevent the rush of hot gases, smoke and flames from getting by.

There are buildings still erected where sliding doors

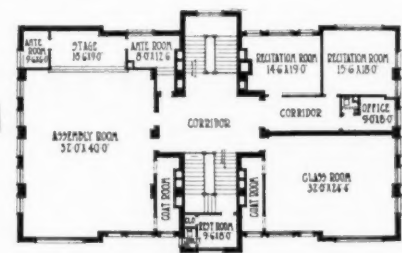
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Basement Plan.



First Floor Plan.

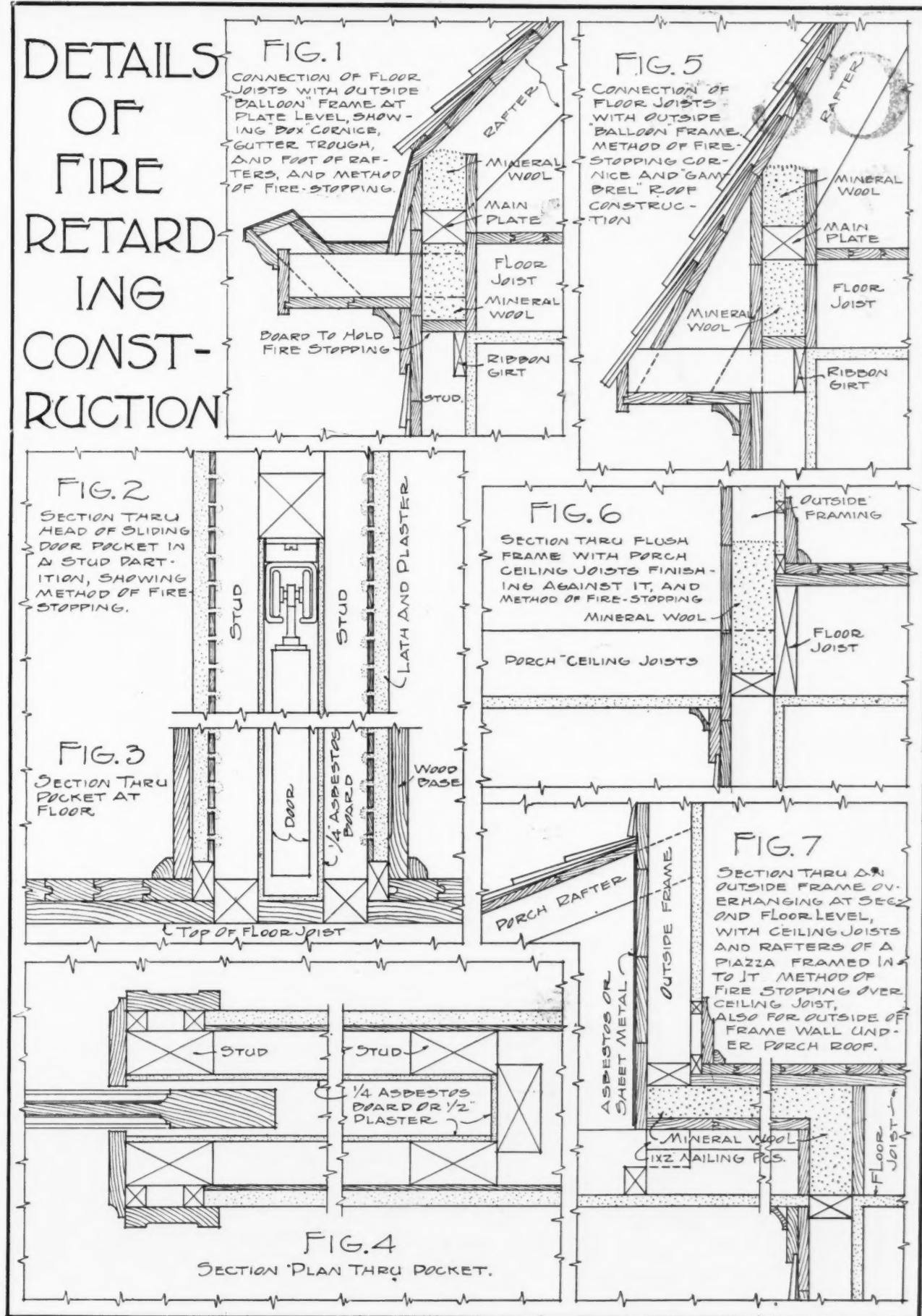


Second Floor Plan.



New School at Bensonville, Ill., Designed by the Well-Known Chicago School Architects, Ashby, Ashby & Schulze.

DETAILS OF FIRE RETARDING CONSTRUCTION



Details of Fire Retarding Timber Construction, Showing How to Do It the Better Way.

Come on Men 250,000 of You!

Launch a Blow at the Kaiser by Helping Launch a Ship

Who says we can't build ships!

Come on you loyal American Mechanics, masters of familiar trades, and brand this "made in Germany" insinuation by building a bridge of ships to Pershing.

You can't do your country a greater service than by exchanging your good American brawn and skill for good American dollars—in the shipyard. And you'll do as much to win the war as the men dependent upon you in the trenches. Ships, men, are the pivot on which the destiny of this country turns, and Uncle Sam is looking for 250,000 U. S. shipyard volunteers to build them.

Listen!

Every rivet driven in the shipyards brings us nearer to the successful termination of the war.

To do our fair share our shipbuilding program calls for 6,000,000 tons a year, or over a thousand ships. We must have them to win. We must have them to keep the wheels of American industry moving and American labor employed in the factories.

The Shipping Board has the money, the materials and the yards to carry out this 6,000,000 ton program, but it needs men to assure these thousand yearly launchings which will hurl their tidal wave toward Germany. There must be an immense reserve of earnest skilled labor to draw on as fast as

plants are completed in the yards and housing provided.

This, then, is the purpose of this message—to ask your enrollment as a shipyard volunteer, for work in the shipyards when needed. Back up Uncle Sam and the millions of your brother workmen by your enrollment.

This does not mean that you are to give up your regular job and rush off to some shipyard which at the moment, may not be able to accommodate you. Quite the contrary! Your enrollment simply shows that you stand ready, when called upon, to do a particular job for a particular wage in a particular place. Everything will be in readiness for you, and you will lose no time.

And so highly does the Government think of your services that you are placed in a deferred class in the draft, as long as you are working on ships. The War Department, by arrangement with the Emergency Fleet Corporation, accepts shipyard work as a substitute for military service. That's how important Uncle Sam considers ship building and the men engaged in it.

"But," you say, "I've never worked on shipbuilding."

That's exactly why Germany thinks that America cannot build ships. Germany knows that there are not enough men in America who have



The Man of the Hour

actually worked on ships to make more than a tenth of the ships we need if we are to do any fighting worth while.

Here is where you American workmen can fool the Kaiser.

Ships are not things of mystery; they are merely big buildings afloat—the product of everyday skill and industry—and the American Mechanic (hats off to him) can build them.

Familiar trades—**your** trade—are the ones that build ships; and almost all trades are represented. Two-thirds of the occupations used in shipbuilding are common to other industries, like boiler making, car building, bridge building, carpentering, machine shop work, etc. The list given later indicates some of the classes needed. Read it carefully and see how you qualify.

If you possess the right sort of training now is the time to rally around this movement and wear a Badge of Honor. This button, issued by the United States Shipping Board, shows that the wearer, through enrollment in the

United States Shipyard Volunteers, has placed the welfare of the Nation above all else and stands ready by his labor to help throw across the seas a bridge of ships by which the armies of the United States can pass to do their duty on the fields of France.

To wear this button is a sign of distinction. It truly stamps the owner as the **man of the hour** in whose hands rest the happiness and security of every man, woman and child in this country.



**This Is Your Badge of Honor
Wear It Proudly**

Come on men—250,000 of you! Your Government is asking that you answer the rattle of German machine guns with the rattle of the riveter. It is asking you, for the present, to prove that you are the marrow of Americanism by going on record with an expression of your willingness to help build ships where you are needed. And it meets you half-way with good wages and deferred

class in the draft with all honor.

Can you turn a deaf ear to the call? Where can you qualify in the following list?

Acetylene and electrical welders
Asbestos workers
Blacksmiths
Anglesmiths
Drop-forge men
Flange turners
Furnace men
Boiler makers
Riveters
Reamers
Carpenters
Ship carpenters
Dock builders

Chippers and calkers
Electrical workers
Electricians
Wiremen
Crane operators
Foundry workers
Laborers, all kinds
Loftsmen
Template makers
Machinists and machine hands, all sorts
Helpers
Painters

Plumbers and pipe fitters
Sheet-metal workers
Coppersmiths
Shipfitters
Structural iron workers
Riveters
Erectors
Bolters up
Other trades
Cementers
Crane men

Clip the Coupon and Get the Full Story

Edward N. Hurley, head of the United States Shipping Board, is the mouthpiece of Uncle Sam in this call for shipyard volunteers. He has complete information on hand, ready to mail you, regarding method of enrollment and other details you may want to know. The coupon below is here for your convenience in writing. Don't delay. Fill in the information asked for, clip and mail. Your action in this matter will bring you full particulars.

Show that you are *interested* by doing this now, while the coupon is before you.

Edward N. Hurley, Chairman,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D. C.

I wish you would send me at once further information, telling me how I can enroll as a member of the U. S. Shipyard Volunteers of the Public Service Reserve for employment in shipyards and so help win the war.

My Trade is.....
My Name is.....
Street Address.....
Town.....State.....



Painting the Interior

WHAT THE MASTER PAINTER MUST INSIST ON IF HE WANTS TO TURN OVER A FIRST CLASS JOB

By Ralph G. Waring

Specification Engineer

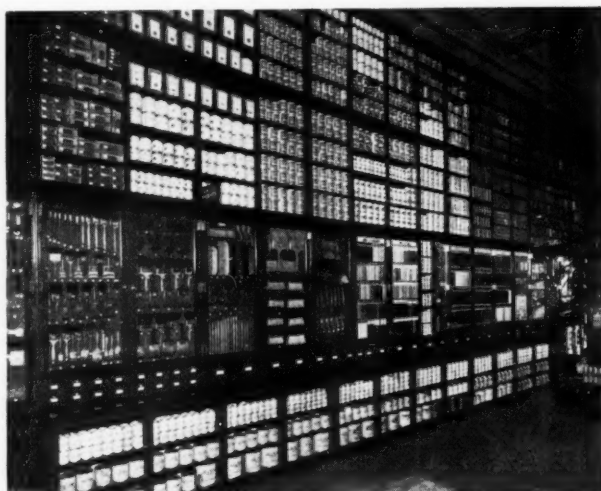
NOTE: This is the seventh of a series of articles by Mr. Waring. The eighth will appear in an early issue.

THE master painter who undertakes to handle the finishing contract under present-day conditions finds many exasperating circumstances which cause considerable friction before the contract is completed. Oftentimes the general contractor has been delayed and the outside work has not gone along as smoothly as it might had those columns arrived on time or the dormer trims had not had to be changed over. Then the plumbers have had trouble in getting their work installed, with the result that the floors are tracked up and paper and excelsior litter the once clean floor. The decorator appears with his curtain outfits just when it is advantageous to varnish the trim and floor for the last coat in several rooms, causing the master painter to wonder whether after all "It is better to smoke here than hereafter." Last of all, the owner comes along, looks proudly at his new possessions and as a last straw leaves behind the suggestion, "Hurry and finish up the job, so that I can get in here in a couple of days." And yet the master painter is expected to turn out clean, well-varnished and enameled work; walls free from finger marks left by other men than his own; well-polished floors, free from heel marks and scratches. The strange part of it is that ninety times out of a hundred he can stand the gaff from everybody and deliver a really good job in the end.

For safety's sake, however, the master painter should have it stipulated in his specifications that all inside work shall be complete and accepted; all

refuse and dirt removed from all rooms, closets and halls; that he will not be responsible for results if plumbers, masons, carpenters, decorators or others come in and cause dust, litter or other annoyance, while working on the fulfillment of his contract. If this is agreed to in black and white before the contract is signed, but little trouble will be experienced later on when the work is under way. No master painter need be afraid that he will lose a contract because of such insistence, for the owner, in nine cases out of ten, will respect him all the more for the evidence of care shown under the circumstances; especially if he has explained to him something of the why and wherefore and that he will be able to get into the new house more quickly because the contract can be more easily fulfilled.

No inside work should be attempted until the plaster has dried at least three weeks, nor should the last coat of outside finish be applied until after this time has elapsed. The priming and seconds coats on the siding protect the lumber from external moisture, cold and heat conditions, but at the same time I am convinced that they also exert a valvular action and allow internal moisture to escape. For this reason I much prefer to apply the last coat of finish on new houses after all the inside work of sizing, papering, painting and varnishing is done. Then the outside last coat will hold its gloss longer and the inside finish be brighter and more permanent, because it is not being influenced by undue moisture in the plaster



Orderly Paint Goods Display Helps Business for the Scholdinger-Marr Co., Columbus, Ohio.

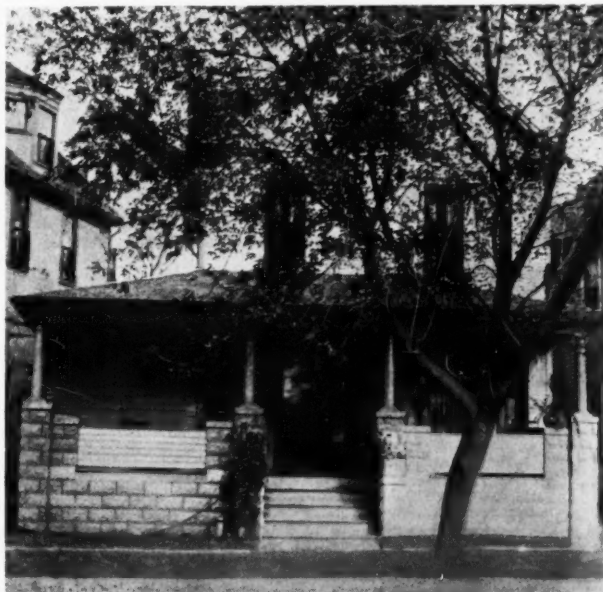
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Changing a Frame Dwelling Into a Modern Store Building

MR. J. W. Blashill, one of the most enterprising meat market men of Ann Arbor, Mich., conceived the idea last spring of remodeling a frame dwelling, which happened to occupy a very good business location, into a modern store building. He put the proposition up to Contractors E. Scheffer and

Carl Stole, who pronounced the idea practical and proceeded to work it out as illustrated in these photos.

The house stood fairly close to the street, so only a little had to be built on to bring it out to the sidewalk. The partitions were cleaned out in the first story and the floor was dropped to grade, giving a high ceiling for the shops. Face brick veneer and modern display windows completed the front. The second floor became two comfortable apartments.



Substantial Frame Residence on Packard Street, Ann Arbor, Mich., as It Looked before the Remodeling Was Undertaken.



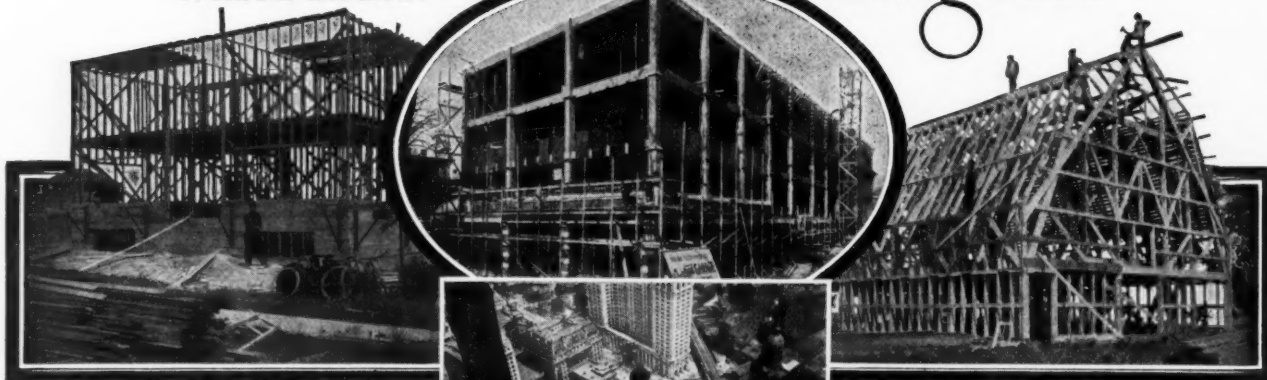
The Work Under Way. Framing Brought Out to the Sidewalk Line and First Floor Cleaned Out to Form Two Store Rooms.



A Face Brick Veneer Front and Modern Show Windows Have Completed the Transformation of the Old Dwelling Into this Modern Store Building with Flats Above.

OUT ON THE JOB

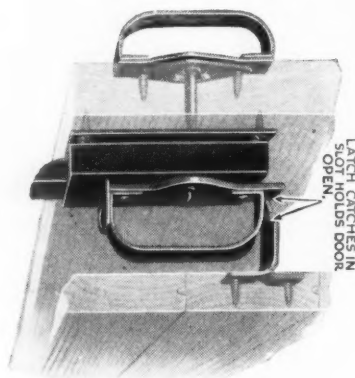
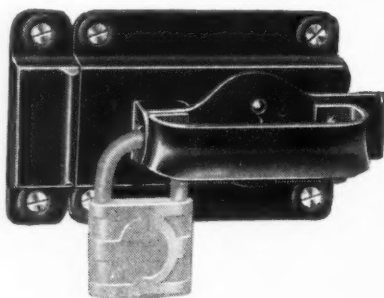
What Builders are Finding Good



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A New Swinging Door Latch



Barn Door or Garage Lath Closed and Locked and Acting as Holder When Door Is Open.

A new barn door latch has a handy loop of strong steel for a handle. A padlock, passed thru a hole in the handle loop and thru a corresponding steel bracket fastened to the case, locks the door securely.

A simple holder fastened to the side of the barn engages the latch when the door is swung open, holding it until released.

This new swinging door latch is very easily installed. All you have to do is to bore a half inch hole for the handle and insert the screws. It can be used on doors $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches thick.



Canvas Roofing Makes Good

Canvas roofing has long been recognized

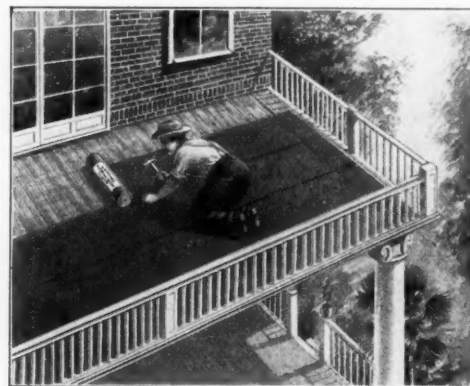
by representative builders as the roofing material that withstands constant wear and tear. It is also used to cover porch floors, and when the up-to-date builder has a porch floor to cover that is subject to hard usage he turns to canvas. The result is that canvas roofing covers the roofs and porches of many of the leading residences thruout the country.

It is rapidly demonstrating its superiority because it does not expand or contract, because it is noiseless, and because it is not affected by tread of feet or drip of rain.

Some builders have objected to canvas roofing because they thought or imagined that it was difficult to lay. This objection may have come from their experience in handling canvas

which had not been treated for roofing purposes, but an Eastern manufacturer has produced a canvas roofing made waterproof by a special process that also prevents its being affected by heat or cold. It is soft and pliable and is easier to lay than a carpet. It fits smoothly and snugly into the various nooks and corners which so often trouble the builder or workman who uses ordinary untreated duck.

Another strong point is that this prepared deck cloth is not



Showing How Roof and Deck Cloth Is Applied.

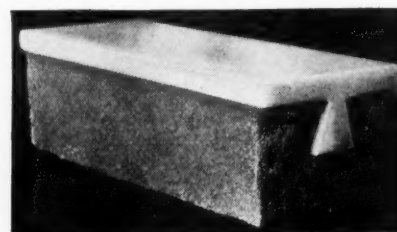
laid in wet paint, and only one coat of paint is needed after laying.

Some interesting comments regarding the laying of both untreated canvas and treated canvas are shown in a collection of letters compiled by this company.



Glass Brick a New Building Material

We are privileged to reproduce a photograph of the new glass brick, which comes from West Virginia, and is making a stir in the building material field. The glass facing of this brick



Glass Faced Brick.

is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, and develops a crushing strength three times as great as granite. This facing is held rigid by a dove-tail firmly indented in the concrete base.

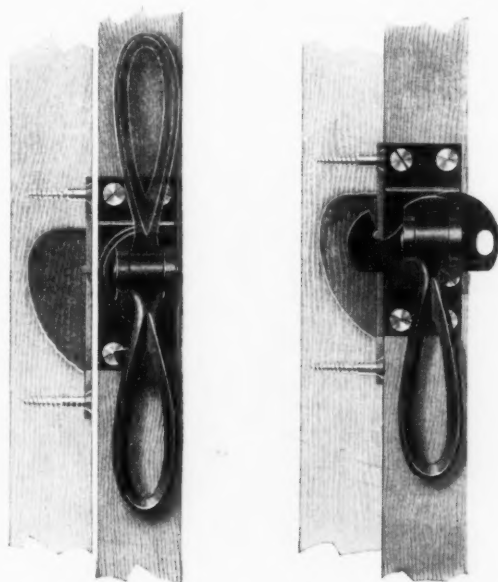
The glass brick is made in various colors and in about 400 shapes. It is offered as an ideal finishing material for bathrooms, hospitals, hotels and restaurants. Mantles of glass brick are already becoming popular in many of the newer homes. Glass floor tile is made of the same quality glass for use in banks, comfort stations, waiting rooms, etc.



A Draw-Tight Door Bolt

A new door fastener draws doors tightly together or against the building, making them weather-proof. The outfit as illustrated is attached to the end of single, double or parallel doors. When in the locked position a hole in the draw plate is uncovered thru which an ordinary pad-lock can be inserted, thus preventing operation of the bolt and preventing theft or trespassing.

This new draw-tight door bolt is used on garages, implement sheds, stables, etc. It is strongly made of malleable iron.



Edge of Door Showing Draw-Tight Bolt in Unfastened and Fastened Positions.

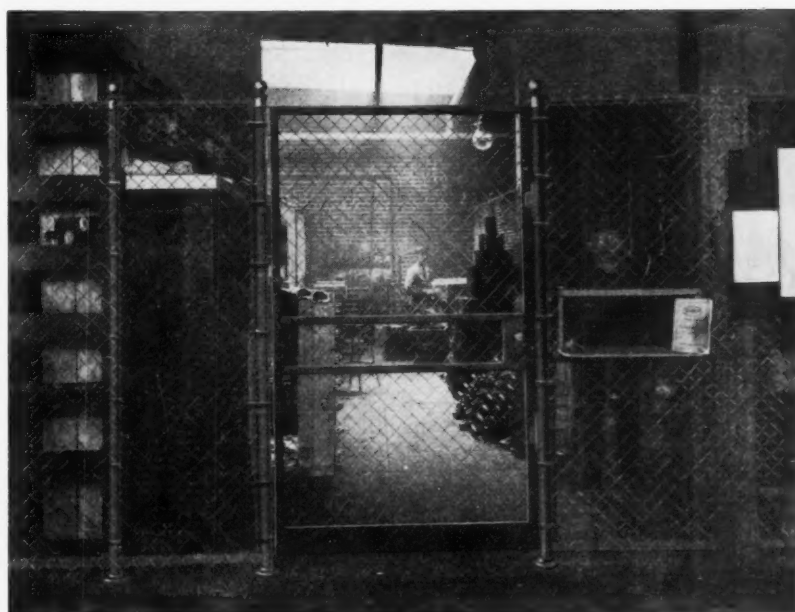


Chain-Link Partitions for Stock Rooms

The factory stock room needs a strong pilfer-proof partition, but one that does not cut off the light. A special woven wire fabric has been developed for this purpose. It is light, durable and sightly. Its spring-like construction makes it resilient, hence impervious to hard blows, which will permanently deform the average rigid fabric.

The manufacturer or warehouse manager should face up to the questions—How is your stock room protected? Are your machines properly protected? Have you wanted to enclose certain parts of your plant, but have not done so on account of cutting off the light?

If so, you should investigate this chain-link partition fabric.



Partition of Lock-Link Fabric Shuts Off no Light. Notice Wicket and Locked Stock Room Door. Here Is Real Protection.



Roof Windows "Let the Sunshine In"

Put the little pigs or other young stock under the ventilating roof windows and see the light and warmth of the sunshine of winter and early springtime breathe vigor, growth and health into the little fellows. At that season there is none too much sunshine. Get the greatest good from it. It is equally



Sheet Metal Frames Are Self-Flashing.

as important as the feed, and produces that sturdy animal life, thru which a large portion of the crop is to be marketed, and the purse abundantly filled.

These windows, with frames and wide flashings of metal, and each made to receive two 10 by 30-in. D. S. glass, are easily opened and automatically held in the proper position to admit just the right amount of fresh air to prevent overheating as the heat of the sun increases.



The total amount of timber cut on the national forests in the fiscal year 1917 was 840,612,000 board feet, as against 714,505,000 board feet in 1916.

The American Builder Information Exchange will be pleased to furnish on request the name and address of the parties responsible for any of the interesting novelties or improvements described in these columns.

Remodeling an Old Fashioned House

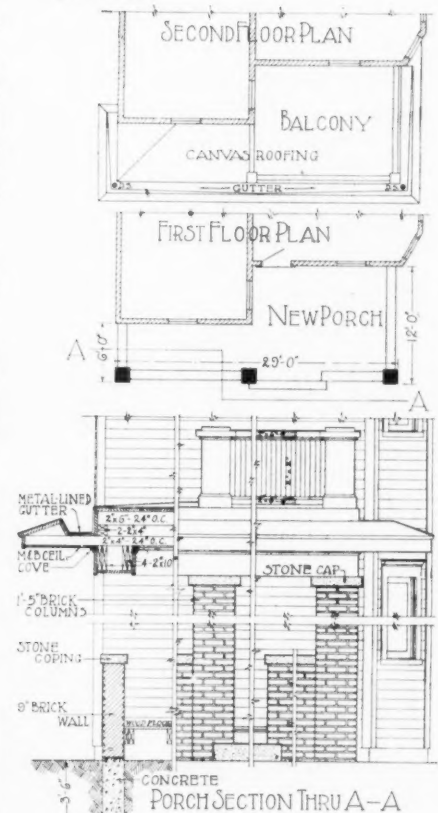
THERE is many a well built house that is not giving the service and satisfaction it ought, because of its skimpy, old-fashioned front porch. Mr. P. Ackerman, a contractor and builder of Galt, Ia., has such a house and has put it up to us to make some remodeling

suggestions. A porch of face brick with square columns and stone trim extending clear across the front, and with a flat balcony above, would be worth a good deal more than it would cost and would change the entire appearance of the property to a surprising degree.

The drawings show how this would be done and what the effect would be.



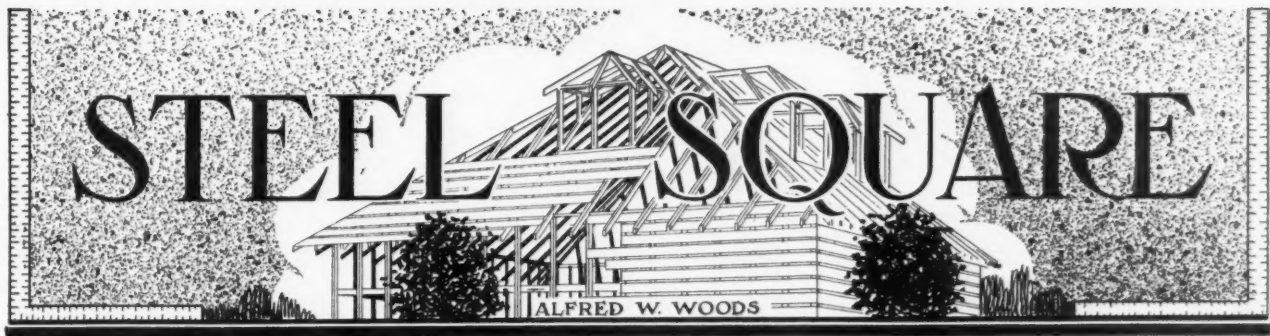
Old Style Frame House, Which Contractor P. Ackerman, Galt, Iowa, Wants to Remodel by Building on a Large Modern Porch.



Working Drawings Showing New Porch Construction Suggested.



The American Builder's Suggestion for a New Brick Porch for the Above House, Showing How the Job Will Look When Completed.

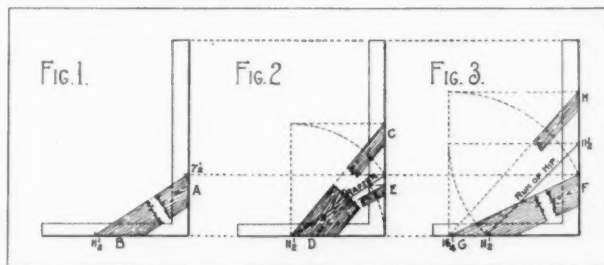


Possibilities of the Steel Square

ILLUSTRATING THE USE OF THE STEEL SQUARE IN OBTAINING THE LENGTHS AND CUTS OF RAFTERS
BY THE ONE TWELFTH SCALE FOR THE SQUARE CORNER BUILDING

By A. W. Woods

IN most all of our writings on the use of the steel square we have reckoned on a basis of the full scale per one foot run of the common rafter; having the full scale for one foot run it is an easy matter to find the lengths of the relative rafters for any run by simple multiplication or running of the square, because in that way we have a standard or full scale to work from for any run and pitch, while on the other hand, if we use the scale of one inch to the foot ($1/12$ scale), we will have a change of figures for the different runs and pitch which cannot always be readily arrived at without first making a diagram from which to obtain the proper proportions to take for the various cuts and especially so for the top cuts of the jack, hip and roof boards.



The Steel Square for Rafter Cuts.

The one inch scale has some advantage over the full scale in finding the length of rafters, because one placing of the square is all that is required, but if the placing should be off one twelfth of an inch it would affect the length of twelve fold, whereas in the full scale it would require the placing of the square (usually called running) as many times as there are feet in the run of the common rafter and if there is a fraction in the run it requires an extra placing which in the case of the hip or valley furnishes a problem of no small means for the novice to solve but the misplacing of the square in the running would only affect the length of the rafter for just what the misplacing really is. However it is not probable in running the square say twelve times, would amount to a whole inch.

Now for illustration purposes we are going to work in fractions in both the run and rise, using the one-

twelfth scale to the foot. For example, we will say that our building is 23 feet wide and the rise of the roof is 7 feet 6 inches. The run being one-half the width of the building, would be one half of 23, or $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches, which is taken on the tongue, and the rise being 7 feet 6 inches, we take $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches on the blade as shown in Fig. 1. These proportions give the plumb and seat cuts as shown at A and B, respectively, for the common rafter, and the length of the line between these figures will be the length of the rafter per 1 inch scale.

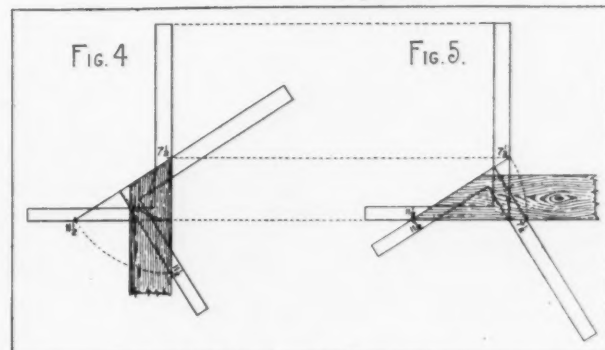
Passing on to Fig 2. In this illustration is shown how the proper proportions are determined for the top cut of the jack, side cut of the roof boards to fit over the hip or in the valley and the miter cut for same as shown at C, D, and E, respectively.

Note: This side cut of the jack is obtained by taking the run of the rafter on the tongue and its length (the rafter) on the blade, the latter giving the cut as shown. These proportions also give the side cut of the roof board, but reversed on the square as shown.

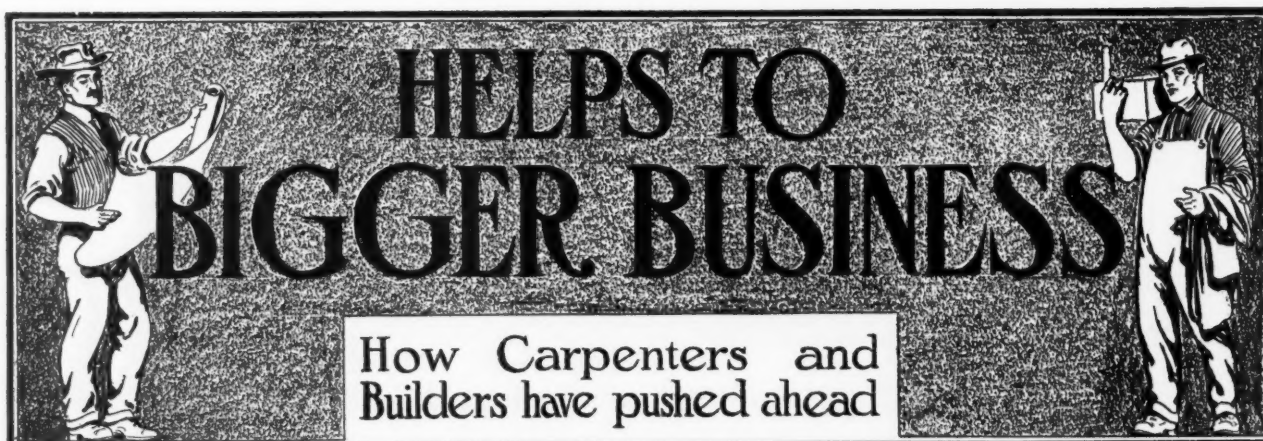
The edge or miter cut of the roof board is obtained in this case by taking the run of the rafter on the tongue and the rise of the rafter for an equal length of run on the blade. The latter will give the cut as shown.

There are other ways of illustrating this cut but as they would tend to confuse rather than enlighten in connection with the illustration we will pass them by for the present.

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The Steel Square for Rafter Cuts.



Learning to Sell Electric Light Plants

I WAS a builder in a small town where the newest things were slow in coming. One day Judge Brown, a great friend of mine, for whom I was then putting up the finest house I had yet built, came into my place and said: "Sam, I'm thinking some of having electric lights in my new house."

"That's all right, judge, but where are you going to get your electricity?"

"Make it," he said. "I've been looking around a good deal, while you've been building away here, and I find out that some people are making their own electricity. They can light up their houses in the night. In the daytime—and in the night time, too—they have their electric fans, electric chafing dishes, electric laundry irons, and so on. They run them with the electricity they make right in their own cellars."



"Sam, I'm Thinking of Having Electric Lights in My New House."

"And besides, I find that this electricity gives a mighty good light. You can turn it on and off with a little button. No matches. Just the thing for me with all my grandchildren spending half their time at my place. Convenient and safe—safe from fire. That's a big item, Sam. The missus can have a little motor and run her sewing machine with our own electricity if she wants to."

"But, Sam, I'm not quite satisfied about having those electric wires all over the house. Suppose one of the children puts his hand on a wire? What then? They execute people with electricity, Sam. Not around here, but in New York State and other states. Well, we don't want any executions at our house. Now you look into this matter, Sam, and find out about this. And find out about the cost and all that."

This left me with a pretty large order on my hands. The judge was then, and had been before, a mighty good and profitable customer. And besides, I wanted to do anything I could to accommodate as fine a man as he was. So, I thought I would put my troubles up to the editor of the periodical I took. It is a paper just for builders and the like, and I knew the editor would be friendly because I had written to him before.

Well, he told me that I needn't worry about danger to children and others who might get their hands on the wires. If it seemed necessary, I could advise my customer to use a 32-volt system, when there would be no danger at all. I could, he said, put in a 110-volt system and fix the wires so that they couldn't be reached. He said that sometimes the one was used and sometimes the other. It depended on the conditions. Then he gave me a list of manufacturers and advised me to write for catalogs.

I followed his advice and soon had a big lot of reading matter. I could understand that which came from the manufacturers of gasoline engines. I found in some of the other material that the editor

knew what he was about when he told me about the 32-volt and the 110-volt systems. But just what these systems were I couldn't quite make out. And it didn't seem at all clear what volts were, and amperes. And yet, the reading matter made a big fuss over both of them. At least some of the reading matter did. I found, too, that there were a lot of chances to make mistakes—and pretty big mistakes, too, as well as I could make out.

If I was going to advise the judge, I needed more help. I wrote to some of the manufacturers and told them about the house and that we were thinking of using electric light and making it ourselves. I gave them the size of the house. But it seems that wasn't enough. The gasoline engine people wanted to know just what size engine I wanted; the dynamo people, the size of the dynamo; and the storage battery people, the capacity of the battery. I looked into the reading matter again, and saw that it did have a good deal to say about such things. But it was difficult reading and I guess I must have skipped some of the hard parts, for when the judge came around again I wasn't able to figure out the cost even to my own satisfaction.

I couldn't tell the judge for sure whether the cost would be \$500 or \$1,000.

He didn't get mad. The judge is a mighty fine man—he smiled a little, as if to himself, and then he said to me: "Sam, I've been looking around a little, and I find that it isn't such an easy matter, this electric system on your own premises. I was over to Elisha Leonard's in the next county. Elisha has electric lights at his place. But he told me that this wasn't his first try at the game. He put in electric lights some years back. When everything was ready, they started up, and sure enough, he said, they got their lights. But the light trembled, as it were. Besides, they were pretty dim. He wrote somewhere about the trembling, and they told him he ought to have a storage battery. So he got a battery set up in his cellar. Well, that settled the trembling all right. However, they had to be pretty careful about the lights or they would soon get to the end of their string and have no light at all. Then he couldn't have any light in the daytime, unless some one went down and started up the engine. It seems he got too small a battery. Besides the trouble with the dimness still continued. So he wrote about that. He found out that probably he could correct that by using bigger wire. So he got bigger wire and put that in. The lights improved, but there was still dimness. About that time a fellow came along who looked over the whole outfit and the house and all. He said that the wire was still too small, but that the best thing to do would be to take out pretty much everything since the battery was too small. If that were made bigger, then the dynamo would have to be bigger, too. The engine might stay, he said, because it was

too big for its present job. Then he asked Elisha if it didn't cost a good deal to run things. 'You bet it does,' said he. It seems that the reason for that was the big engine. You have to run them somewhere near their capacity or it costs more. Well, the upshot of it all was that Elisha got the fellow to figure out just what ought to be gotten.

"The first question he asked was whether Elisha was going to use carbon lamps or tungsten lamps. He said that had to be decided, because the tungsten lamps required a good deal less current, altho they cost more. Then he had to know just how much candlepower was going to be required to give the light wanted. It seems that you need to know how many amperes must come over the wire in order to tell what size storage battery to get and what size dynamo. And, if we want to know the amperes, we



"Sam, We May Have Missed a Pretty Big Point in Fixing Up That Electric Light Plant."

will have to decide two things—(1) tungsten or carbon, and (2) how much candlepower. These we have to settle on in order to determine the proper size of gasoline engine. If we get too big a one, then we will waste gasoline; if we get too small a one, we will not get the current we want. Of course, when you come to think of it, it is reasonable to suppose that you would have to know the different sizes—size of wire, of battery, of dynamo and of engine—before you could figure the cost."

"Well," said I, "I'm mighty glad you came in just now and told me all this. Perhaps I'll now be able to make head and tail of all this reading matter." And I got all the catalogs out. The result was that the judge and I studied up on the thing, and finally sent in the orders. I wasn't a very good salesman, was I? Of course, it was my first attempt to handle an electric light matter.

Even then, after the stuff came and was all put in and working to beat the band, the judge came

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EASY LESSONS IN STAIR BUILDING

Hand Railing Explained



How to Lay Out a Spiral Stairway

By Morris Williams

Lesson 9

Note: Lessons 1 to 6 Appeared in the Issues of the AMERICAN BUILDER July to December, 1916, Lesson 7 in April, 1917, and Lesson 8 in June, 1917

IN Fig. 60 is shown a plan of a spiral stairway consisting of eighteen winders. I need not say that it matters not how many winders a stairway of this type consists of as far as its construction is considered, for if one revolution is accomplished, any number of others will be but repetitions.

In planning the winders, the best arrangement is to make them all the same size upon the center line of the rail, and at a distance of 14 inches from it have each one of suitable dimension for easy stepping, because it is at about this distance from the rail the stepping is assumed to be done. By having them equally divided upon the center line, the development

of both the rail and stringer will be straight lines, which is a matter of very great importance, for the reason that it affords the rail to be made in uniform sections and the stringer of a straight board as if for a common straight flight.

The plan arrangement of the tangents indicates a plan layout for four sections, three being alike—the bottom one made smaller and different for the double purpose of having an easement and a more abrupt turn-out at the bottom newel post. Due to the turn-out arrangement, the radius of this section as shown drawn from center X is considerably shorter than that of the three other sections drawn from center O, and its curve length covers, as shown from the newel to raiser 4, but two and one-half of the treads, while the three other sections cover five treads each, as shown from riser 4 to riser 9; from riser 9 to riser 14 and therefrom to 19, the landing rising. To lay out the plan tangent lines, as shown in Fig. 60 for these three sections, draw the radius lines from risers 4, 9, 14 and 19 to center O, and all the tangents square to the radius lines. Draw the tangents for the bottom section square to the radius from X. To draw the pitch of the tangents for each section, measure from E to E', the height of the 5 risers contained within the section, revolve the plan tangent DC to C', and connect C' E' for the pitch. The distance from point D on plan to the pitch line as shown at W indicates the height from W to D of the twisting bevel, shown in Fig. 61, its base, WE, being the length of the plan radius OE.

The pitch of the bottom tangents AB and BC is conditioned by the need of the easement in the bottom one abutting the newel at A, and the need arising out of the joint at C for the upper one over BC to conform with the pitch of the connecting tangent CD. The bottom one, AB, must be a level tangent, as above stated, owing to the easement; and the upper one, BC, must conform with the pitch of the connecting

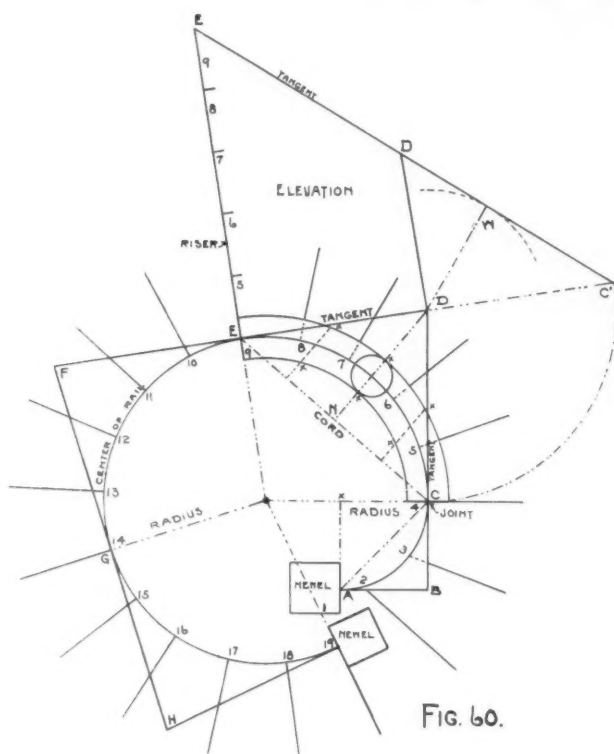


FIG. 60.

Fig. 60. Plan of Spiral Stair.

tangent CD' , owing to the joint at C being made square to the two.

The operation to lay out the face mould for the wreath over the bottom section from the newel to the joint at C is shown in Figs. 62 and 63, Fig. 62 being the plan and Fig. 63 the face mould.

Across the plan, draw the lines $x-x$ at equal distances from, and parallel to, the level tangent AB .

In Fig. 63 make the base CA' equal the chord CA in Fig. 62, and the height CC' equal the height CC' in the same figure.

To find the angle between the tangents, place in

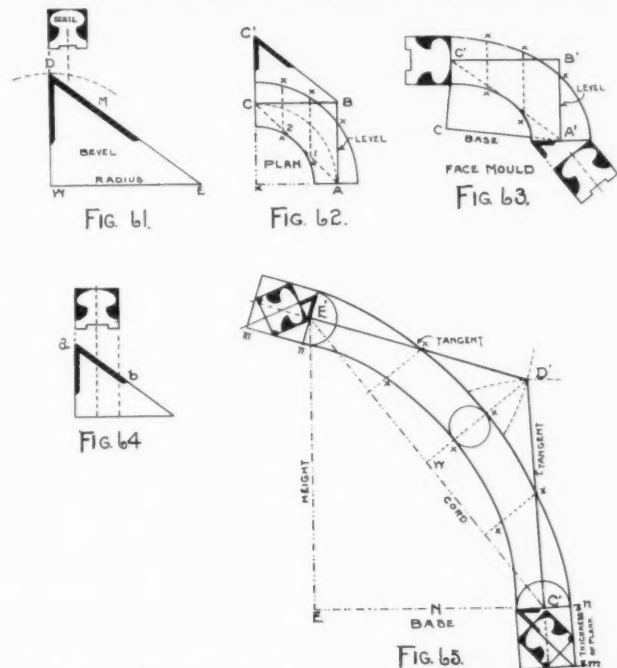


Fig. 61. The Bevel for the Second, Third and Fourth Sections of the Wreath. Fig. 62. Plan of the First Section. Fig. 63. Face Mould for Fig. 3. Fig. 64. Bevel for Fig. 4. Fig. 65. Face Mould for the Second, Third and Fourth Sections of the Wreath.

the compass the length of the pitch tangent BC' , Fig. 62, fix one point in C' and turn around, as shown by the arc; again, fix in the compass the length of the level tangent AB , Fig. 62, fix one point in A' , and turn around to intersect the arc drawn from C' in B' .

Connect $B'A'$ and $B'C'$ for the tangents. Draw the ordinates at equal distances and parallel to the tangent $B'A'$ and locate upon each the points xx , measuring from either the tangent $B'C'$ or from the chord line CA' , measurements to correspond with those shown across the plan in Fig. 62. Now trace the curves thru these points either by free hand or by bending a lath to touch each one and scribing along the lath.

Make the joints square to the tangents.

The width of the mould at C' is the same as that of the plane rail, and at A' determined as shown from a to b upon the long edge of the bevel in Fig. 64.

It is to be applied to the end A' directed towards the inside, as shown in Fig. 63.

In Fig. 62 it is shown to be simply the intersecting angle of the tangent pitch and a perpendicular line.

No bevel is required for the end C' due to the joint being parallel to the level tangent $B'A'$ and of the two tangents being at right angle to one another.

How to lay out the face mould for the wreath over the second section shown on plan, Fig. 60, extending from C to E and covering five steps is shown in Fig. 65, the operation being precisely the same as the one shown in Figs. 62 and 63 for the first section.

Make the base $EN C'$ equal to the chord ENC on plan, Fig. 60, and the height EE' equal to the height of five risers shown from E to E' in the elevation above the plan.

To determine the angle between the face mould tangents required to give them the true direction to square the joints place in the compass the length of the pitch tangent $E'D'$ shown in the elevation, Fig. 60, and with the ends E' and C' for centers intersect at D' and connect $D'C'$ and $D'E'$ as shown for the tangents.

To draw the curves, bisect the chord in W and connect WD' , which will be a directing ordinate, and also in this case the minor axis, and that because of the tangents being equal.

By bisecting the chord between WE' and WC' , we will have two other ordinates, XX , making the number to correspond with those across the plan rail shown in Fig. 60.

All we need now is to find the points xx , etc., upon the face mould ordinates at distances from the chord to agree with the points xx , across the plan, measuring from the plan chord and trace through the points.

In this operation we have made use of only three ordinates, but, of course, any number may be used, and more the better, in that they furnish greater number of points to trace thru; but we must not forget that the number upon the face mould will have

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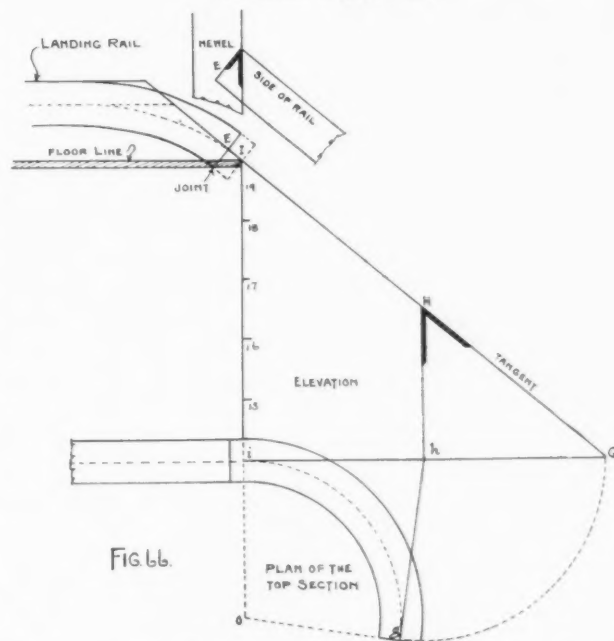
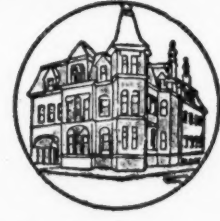


Fig. 66. Showing How to Connect the Top Section of the Wreath to a Newel and Also to a Landing Rail.

CORRESPONDENCE



Questions Answered and Ideas Exchanged.

Our Readers are Requested and Urged to Make Free Use of These Columns for the Discussion of all Questions of Interest to Carpenters and Builders

Wood Tank Saves \$200.00

To the Editor:

Chicago, Ill.

Wood as a substitute is becoming the thing more and more in these turbulent times, and only recently a rather unique method of saving expense was used.

It had been the custom to use steel tanks under the huge grinding machines of a large plant, and of necessity the ends of same had to be set in to clear the four machine foundation columns. This meant a knocked-down tank, and in the case of steel meant quite a bit of fitting to make a tight joint, necessitating expensive welding.

Concrete was suggested as a substitute, but it will be readily seen that this would check at once under the vibration of the machine.

Then some ingenious fellow suggested cypress, and lo!

Not only was \$200 saved on each tank, but they now have something indestructible and easily fitted together.

Vive la cypress!

NORMAN V. CHRISTENSEN, C. E.,
% Simonds Mfg. Co.



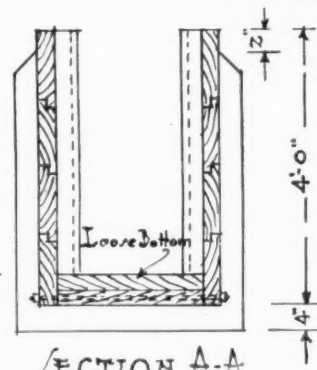
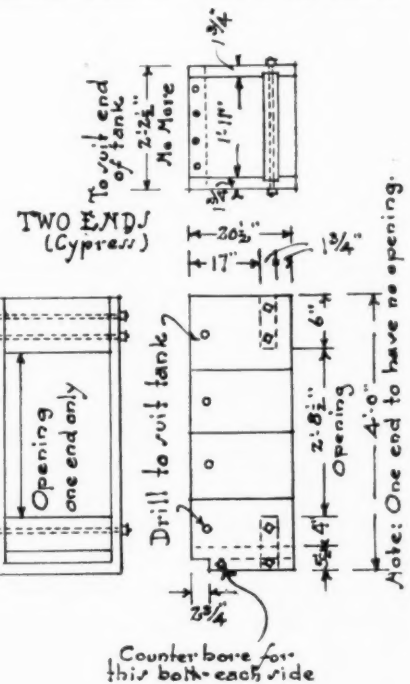
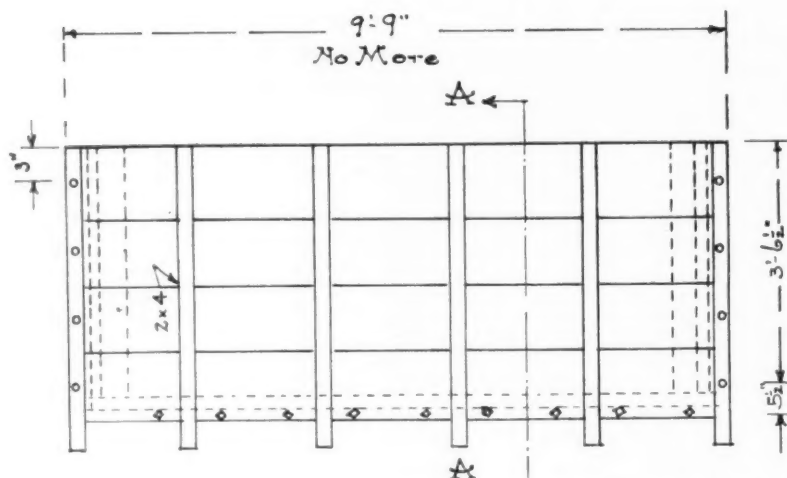
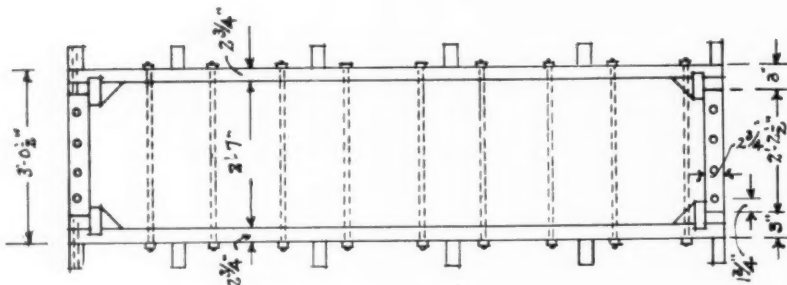
Don't Skimp on the Scaffold Nails

To the Editor:

Kiron, Iowa.

Replying to the question of Louis Brandenburg in the February issue of AMERICAN BUILDER, I wish to say that his

MUD AND WATER TANK



Working Details of Cypress Tank to Catch Grinding Water Under Machine in Simonds' Chicago Plant.

calculations are wrong in regard to six $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipes being equal in capacity to one $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipe. The nearest commercial size pipe equal in area to six $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipes is a $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch pipe. The area of a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipe is .19 inches, and six such pipes will have a combined area of 1.14 inches. A $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch pipe is, therefore, as you see, larger in area than the six $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipes.

In regards to the number of nails to use in making safe scaffolding, it seems to me to be largely a matter of using good common sense. I have heard of one instance where a man worked on a scaffold, one end of the bracket having one 8 d. nail, for nearly a full day before the nail let go. I always remember what one old experienced carpenter told me when building scaffolding, "We get paid for building *safe* scaffolds, but not for falling down for lack of an extra nail." Examine your scaffold work once in a while during the day for weak places and remedy them at once if such appear, and you will soon know the proper amount of nailing required.

J. A. ENGBERG.



Wants a Cheap Fire-proof Non-dripping Roof

To the Editor:

Lucca, N. Dak.

Last year I built a fireproof garage, using only a tile and concrete slab as roof and ceiling combined, but I find that the frost comes thru in cold days, and when the weather gets warmer it will cause water to drip from the ceiling.

Now I am about to build a hall and store building and would like to know the cheapest way I could build a fireproof roof and ceiling—extreme span is 30 feet—and will make a good and warm building.

R. B. MARSCHKE,
Contractor.



From a Minnesota Builder

To the Editor:

Lamberton, Minn.

I am enclosing herewith some snapshots of buildings I have put up around here.

I have had the AMERICAN BUILDER for three years, and like the new name since it was changed from American Carpenter and Builder. I have had lots of help from its columns ever since I subscribed for it.

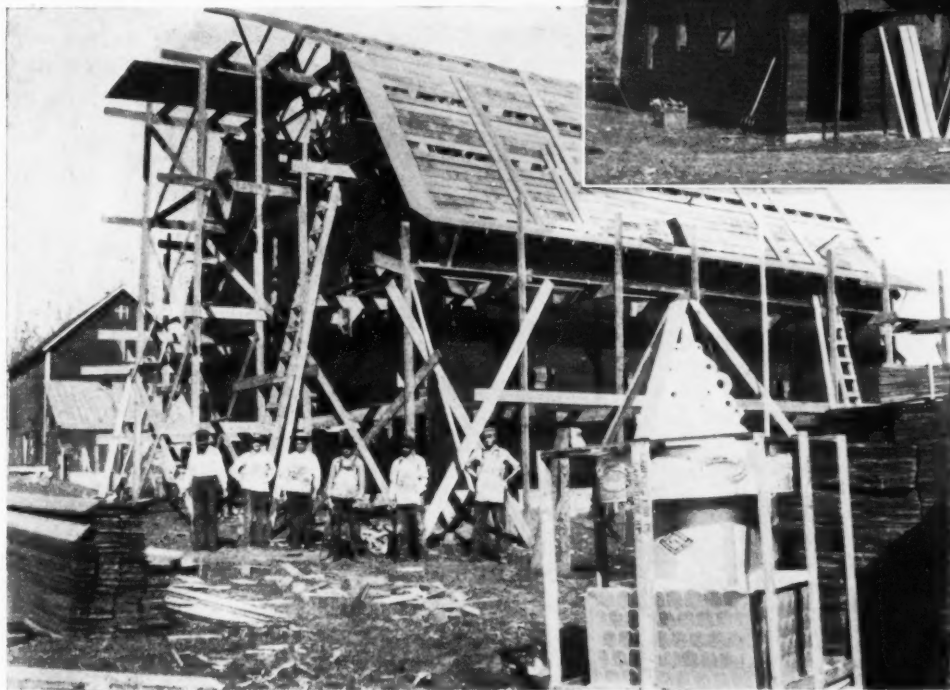
WILLIAM C. KRENGEL,
Carpenter and Builder.



Modern Dwelling, Size 22 by 36, 14-Foot Studs Built at Walnut Grove, Minn., by Contractor Krengel.



Above, Finished Barn Built for Otto Jaeger, near Lamberton, Minn.



To Left, W. C. Krengel and Gang Ready for Work on the Jaeger Barn.



Woodworking Shop of R. C. Gray at West Union, W. Va. Size 20 by 62 feet.

A Well Equipped Power Shop

To the Editor:

West Union, W. Va.

Enclosed please find check for a year's subscription to the *AMERICAN BUILDER*. I have been taking the *AMERICAN BUILDER* for several years and think it great.

I am enclosing picture of my shop, which is 20 by 62 feet, with basement, where I store my lumber. Equipment consists of Dixie planer and matcher, a Parks ball bearing combination woodworker, double table machine with all attachments, also post drill and drum sander, which I made myself.

I have a six horsepower Badger gas engine in basement, also turning lathe and power grind stone. I handle from two to four cars of lumber a year. I keep busy all the time, having from two to six weeks' work ahead for the last two and a half years. I want to build about 50 feet to the rear of my shop, as I need all the room I have now for work room.

R. C. GRAY,

General Woodworking Shop.



Insulation vs. Back-Plaster

To the Editor:

Lexington, Neb.

Some time ago I received my books, "Mechanical and Architectural Drawing," for which please accept my thanks.

I would be glad to have any of your readers who have used Unifelt for insulation on their houses give their ideas as to its value as compared with back-plaster. I built a parsonage here in town in which all outside walls are insulated with 18-inch Unifelt between studs, with lath nailed to each side of stud. In my estimation, it far excels back-plaster, as I had no trouble whatever in keeping this house warm while plastering with the thermometer as low as 22 degrees below zero, using a pipeless furnace. Dimensions of the house are 30 by 32 by 18 feet.

Also what about using wood board for insulation? I built an exact duplication of above house last spring which is heated with a pipeless furnace, and the owner tells me that he has no trouble whatever in keeping his house warm, using

cottonwood for fuel. On this house we lined the entire outside of the building with Cornell wood board, then covered this with tarfelt before siding. Personally, I prefer Unifelt, because it is more economical than wood board, and as far as I can find out, its insulation qualities are greater. Either is more economical than back-plaster.

Thanking you for the many good articles you give us from time to time in your *BUILDER*, and wishing you an abundance of success for the coming year, I am,

FRED W. KOCH,
Contractor and Builder.



A Speedy Lock Mortiser

To the Editor:

Creighton, Neb.

Tell that brother carpenter in the January number who tells us how to hang a door that I think he is slow when it takes him 43 minutes to put on a mortise lock. I can fit, hang and lock one in that time and sometimes in 30 minutes, and do it all day.

N. L. RAYMOND,
Architect, Contractor and Builder.



Time Cards for Jobbing Work

To the Editor:

Pittsfield, Mass.

I am enclosing samples of time cards and master card as used by Rice Bros. in their work. These cards will care for seven jobs, giving the time on each job, each day and at the bottom, the total for the week with the charges to each job directly under. The insurance at right. Any explanation of work may be put under remarks, and material, etc., is entered on back of card. The master card is used for weekly posting of the totals on time cards and will care for thirty weeks. I worked these cards out by combination of time cards published by you some years past. If you see fit to publish them, I trust they will assist other contractors who do jobbing work.

FREDERICK G. RICE,
Of Rice Bros., Contractors and Builders.

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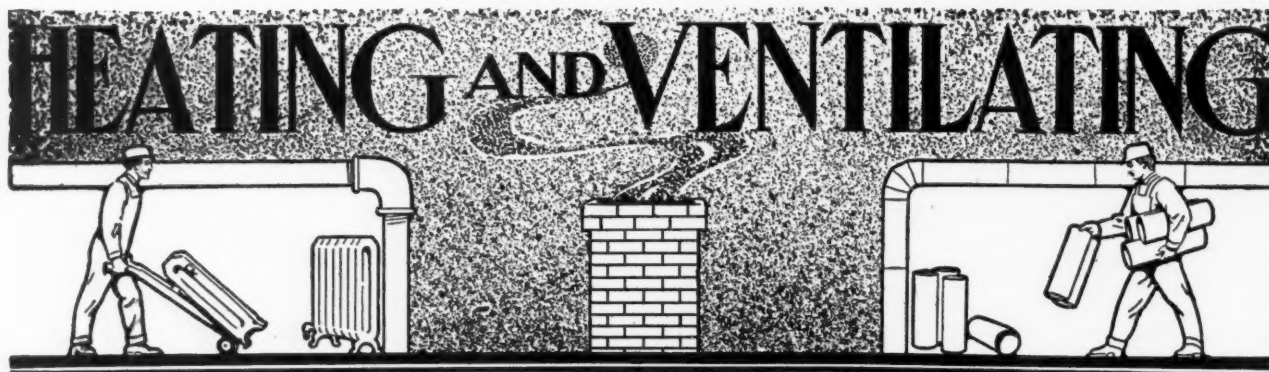
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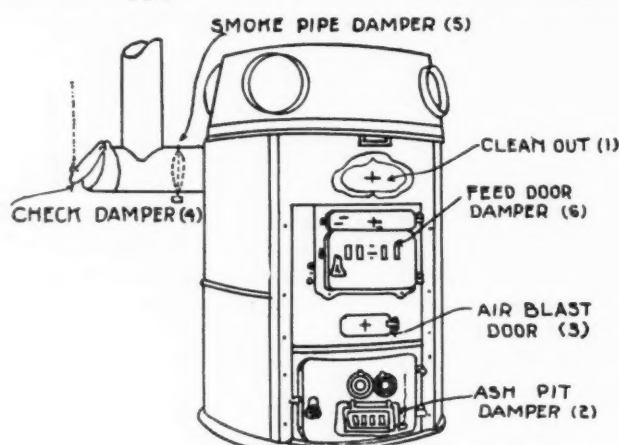
The Installation, Care and Operation of the House Furnace—(Part III)

By K. G. Smith

Engineering Extension Department, Iowa State College

Operation of the Furnace

Proper operation of a furnace means efficient combustion or burning of the fuel. Three things are necessary for combustion—fuel, air and heat. Lack of any one of these three will retard combustion or cause it to cease entirely. The fuel supply is often the only one of these three given careful attention. The air supply and the heat of the fuel bed are just



Standard Type of Furnace with Parts Named.

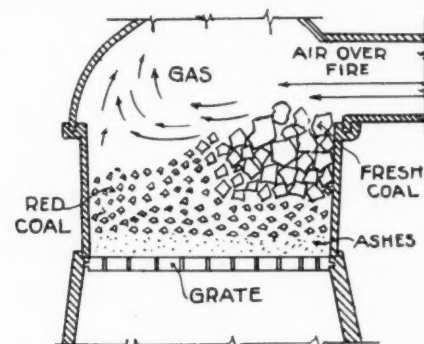
as important. For regulating the air supply nearly all furnaces have the dampers and checks shown. The clean-out door (1), the ash pit damper (2), air blast door (3), and feed door damper (6) have already been mentioned in discussing the choosing of a furnace. The check damper (4) is not always placed as shown, but must be located between the furnace and chimney. Its function is to admit cold air to the smoke pipe and thus retard combustion. When *open*, this damper checks the fire. It should always be closed when fresh coal is being fired. The smoke pipe damper (5) may be omitted. It aids in checking the draft and may be necessary if the draft is unusually strong. It is especially useful in windy weather and in checking the fire at night. If installed, it is better to place it between the furnace and check damper, rather than between the check damper and chimney. The direct

draft damper or radiator damper, as it is sometimes called, is not shown in the cut. This damper, as mentioned before, is to be opened when firing the furnace in order to let smoke and gas pass out as directly and quickly as possible. It should be examined from time to time in order to be sure that it works properly and closes tight. If it gets loose, is broken, or clogged with soot when partly open, it allows the hot gases to pass up the stack without heating the radiating surface and the furnace, even with heavy firing, will not properly heat the house.

Firing

To keep the fire burning steadily the furnace should be fired regularly. When possible, the entire fuel bed should not be covered with fresh coal, but a small area of red coal should be left thru which air can pass in order to burn the gases as they are driven off by the heat. If the furnace is provided with an air blast door for admitting extra air over the fire to burn the gas, it should be kept open for a time after firing a fresh charge. If it is left open after the gas has all passed off and the coal has been reduced to coke, it causes loss of heat by admitting cold air which cools the furnace

and does no good. The damper in the firing door is used for the same purpose. In burning soft coal with a large amount of gas, this should be left



Burning Gas with Fresh Charge of Coal

open for a time after firing a charge. In some furnaces, where burning coal with a large amount of gas in it, this door must be left open practically all of the time or the gas will puff out with an explosion.

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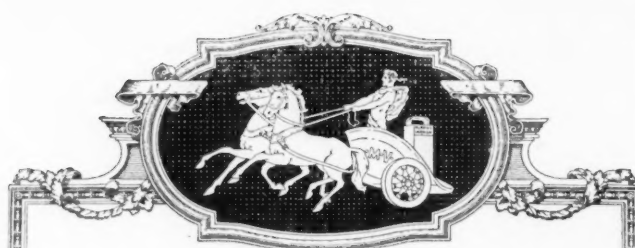
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Good Word for Metal Corners

To the Editor:

Elk River, Minn.

This picture shows my man putting Kees metal corners on the farm residence of O. Engstrom, near Elk River, Minn.



Metal Corners for Both Outside and Inside Corners Make a Neat Finish.

This is the first time I have used them, and both the owner and myself are well pleased with the effect.

CHRIS. JORGENSEN,
Contractor and Builder.



How Should He Straighten this Door

To the Editor:

Minden, Neb.

Enclosed is my check for a year's subscription, also marked coupon for one of your builders' volumes.

I enjoy my copy of the AMERICAN BUILDER each month. I think it a fine thing for the expert workmen to write about their methods of speeding up those particular jobs which fall to the lot of us all. The true brotherhood spirit is in those who are willing to pass along the benefits of their own ingenuity and thought to their less fortunate brethren. Nowadays there is folly in the action of a workman who attempts to keep to himself some method he has discovered of doing a thing better and quicker, for some more liberal minded brother will certainly hit upon practically the same idea and give it to the craft thru the AMERICAN BUILDER, and thus get all the credit for the innovation, while the selfish one gets the laugh if he comes forward with a tardy claim for recognition. Truly there is no place in modern building trades for the "old-time framers" Mr. Woods writes of in the January number.

In answering Mr. Donaldson's query as to the quickest way to "hang a door," Mr. A. O. Stein gives my method almost exactly. Mr. Fred E. Lucas says he can "hang a door" in twenty minutes, but he evidently calls the operation completed with the fitting of door and fastening on of hinges.

Just what is meant by "Hanging a Door"? I think the entire process of setting jamb, fitting door, fastening butts, lock and stops should be understood, for the door is not in working order unless all this is done. Now let us have an answer from some of our speedy workmen, giving the time it takes to go thru the complete process of hanging a door, omitting the casings, of course, and I believe this answer will be what Mr. Donaldson really wants.

I wish some clever brother would help me with a door problem I have not been able to solve. A 3 by 7 glass panel outside door set in a rabbetted jamb has warped inwards fully

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Interior view of bathroom in residence of T. H. Hamilton : 214 South 17th Street, Harrisburg, Pa.



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half an inch at top and bottom on the lock side. When I hung this door both stiles were warped opposite and I had no choice of a hollow side to go next to the stop. How can this door be straightened permanently? Have tried putting a small block in the middle, then forcing the top and bottom up against the jamb overnight, but the warp comes right back when the braces are removed.

TOM L. ANDERSON.



Wood Silo Hauled Six Miles

To the Editor:

Perry, Mo.

This photo shows a Tulsa silo loaded on wagon after being used as demonstrator. Irons and cables of silo were furnished by Tulsa Silo Company, Kansas City, Mo. The silo was made up in sections at the lumber yard of 4 inch fir flooring. It was hauled for about six miles over country roads without damage to silo.

J. F. FLEMING.



Tulsa Wood Silo Loaded for Hauling.

How to Repaint an Auto

To the Editor:

Syracuse, N. Y.

In answering the inquiry of Walter H. Cottis, building contractor, I make haste to enclose the following, trusting that it will reach him in time:

To properly prepare a metal car body for refinishing the first prerequisite is a warm (70°) room, free from overhead dust and with a floor that can be mopped, sprinkled, or

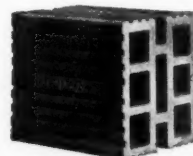
oiled just before the varnishing is done.

The body should be taken apart as far as practical, removed from the chassis and while being refinished may be laid on saw horses. All removal of old finish should be carried on outside of the varnish room, and may be accomplished by scrapers, steel brush, sand blast, varnish removers, or blow torch, if it can be exercised to prevent overheating on soldered joints. Thoroughly sand to a clean, bright surface, sponge clean, wipe dry with a moist chamois and transfer part to varnish room. Lay all parts out in order, to prevent rehandling as much as possible. Wash the chassis or running gear

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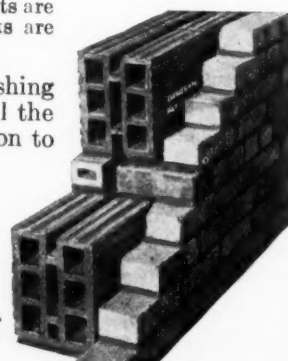
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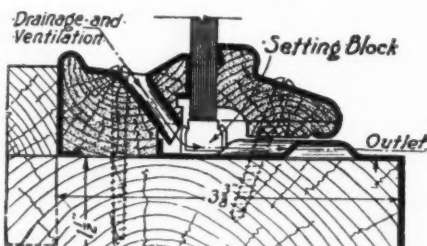
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with a strong, hot solution of Gold Dust to thoroly remove all traces of grease and dirt. Wash clean with much clear water. After all pieces have been cleaned, sanded, washed and chamoised ready for varnishing, they should be given a coat of "rough stuff," as it is known to the trade. This may be bought from any varnish house of any size. If not available, it may be prepared as follows:

Two quarts high grade rubbing varnish (Murphy).

One pint brown japan.

One pint pure turpentine.

Two pounds very fine silex.

Two pounds white lead in oil.

Enough ivory black in oil to tint to shade desired.

Keep separate brushes for rough stuff, rubbing varnish and finishing varnish, each brush being kept suspended in clean turpentine so that the bristles clear the bottom of the container by an inch or more. Wash out brushes each time before putting away.

Apply the "rough stuff" in a thin, well brushed out coat and let dry a day or two until perfectly hard. Sand smooth with No. 0 paper. Dust off carefully and give a second coat. When dry, sand as before, dust, sponge off.

The varnish used should be either Murphy's or Pratt & Lambert's rubbing body. Colored auto body varnishes are made by both firms and are both high grade. To keep the varnish work clean and free from nibs, the varnish room must be free from dust, with a freshly mopped floor. The varnish brush and pot must be clean and the auto body must be clean. After chamoising off and just before varnishing, the body may be gone over with a "tacky cloth" made from a piece of cheesecloth, wrung out in clear varnish and then shaken in the air a minute before using. This will effectually remove all lint, dust and rubbing material which is left by the chamois.

Use a 3-inch China bristle or Badger hair brush to apply the colored varnish. It is best to work on small parts first, as hood, cowl, etc., leaving the body and door panels last. The body should be laid off by starting on the left side nearest the front end and laying on the varnish in strokes parallel to the floor. Do not lay on up and down. Work from the unfinished to the finished portion; moving as rapidly as possible; avoiding undue brushing of the varnish, as it sets quickly, and keep the work clean by using a picking pencil. This may be made by attaching a piece of very thick fatty varnish, from an old empty can, to a piece of beeswax and used as a pencil point to touch and remove specks while the varnish is still soft. If this be done it will not be necessary to let the body dry longer than three days to prevent "pulling out" of nibs in the varnish, thereby leaving small pits in the surface. When the varnish has dried three days in the warm room, rub down with pumice stone (0 or F) felt block, pumice block flattened on one side, and water. Keep two pails handy on a saw horse, one for rubbing felts, the other for sponging water. Dry with a chamois. When thoroly dry clean up with a "tacky cloth" and transfer to the varnish room.

Five coats are generally given to good work and pay in the long run. The real difference between Fords and thousand dollar cars lies principally in the quality and amount of body finishing. Needless to say, a Ford does not get very much.

The last coat may be either Valentine's wearing body clear, or the color varnish as used for rubbing. The last coat should not be rubbed but left in the gloss, great care being exercised to have absolutely clean work, free from nibs.

Never use a brush for finishing varnish that has been used

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in rubbing goods. Also do not use a new brush on last coat work. Brushes carefully cleaned, suspended in clean turpentine, washed after each period of use, will do more than any one factor towards the production of good work. Brushes when well cared for improve with constant use and, like many another finisher, I would not exchange for any price the brushes I have been using five years or more.

Wish best wishes for a successful job,
RALPH G. WARING,
Specification Engineer.



A Buffet, Dumb Waiter Design

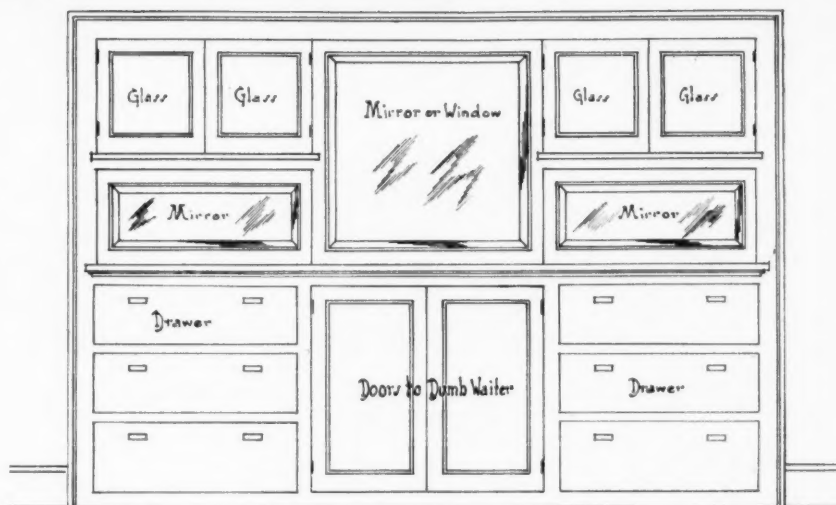
To the Editor: La Fargeville, N. Y.

In reply to W. R. L., who asked for design of buffet and dumb waiter, I send a sketch, hoping that it may be of use to him.

The space above waiter may be a mirror or window; spaces each side can be mirrors or wood; doors may be wood panel, glass panel, or leaded glass, as desired.

The dumb waiter is to be concealed by doors, but if desired the doors may be put on the waiter and this space left open when the waiter is down. In this case one should use a waiter with a top which will stand flush with the floor and correspond with it in color and finish. Such a waiter can be purchased with this top, or can be made.

JOHN UPTON.



BUFFET WITH DUMB WAITER.

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What Do the Plasterers Think of This?

To the Editor:

El Paso, Ill.

I have a most mysterious case of defective plastering which I would like you to help me solve.

Last September I built a school house in the country. The building was of frame construction with 2 by 8 yellow pine ceiling joist across the full width of the building. Each rafter was so constructed as to form a complete truss; these were spaced 16 inches on centers. The ceil-

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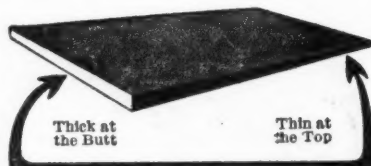
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ing was lathed with white pine, well seasoned lath, and plastered with "Acme" plaster put on by a regular mechanic. This ceiling was not decorated by the painter until two months after the plastering was finished. Up to this time the ceiling did not show any cracks. (Plaster was shipped from factory in June.)

Today I was called out to the school house by the building committee, and we found a strip of plastering off near the middle of the room and the balance of the ceiling badly cracked. This plastering had fallen off unexpectedly a week ago. The teacher had not noticed anything wrong until just before the plastering fell, when she heard a peculiar cracking noise. I found the lath well nailed and not the least bit warped. I also found the plaster clinches still in place between the lath, the plaster having separated just at the face of the lath.

The building is warmed by a hot air furnace, but the hot air register is located on one side of the building and is across the room from the place where the plaster is down and cracked most.

The plaster has never gotten wet in any manner, nor frosted, and I am sure the roof construction is very rigid. Trussed rafters were made thus. These braces were all well nailed and kept about $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch up from the bottom edge of ceiling joist, so that the shrinkage of the ceiling joist would not cause the lath to be pushed off where the middle hanger and braces intersect. There is no apparent settlement in the ceiling or any of the side walls; in fact, the plastering on the side walls is not cracked.

I am enclosing a sample of the plaster which fell off. You will notice that the finish coat is made of the ordinary plaster with the hair sifted out. This is the customary way of plastering in this locality.

I have used this brand of plastering for thirteen years, and this is the first time any of it has fallen off or cracked badly.

JAS. A. REICHEL,
Contractor and Builder.

Answer—I fear I am unable to give reliable information as to the cause of the sudden giving away of this plaster. However, I find from the sample, the under coat shows the mortar to be very poor, so that the proper adhesion had not taken place, while, on the other hand, the finished coat shows that it is very good.

Now, my theory is this: The hard finish being extra good, besides having a good coat of paint (as the sample shows), prevented the heat rays from passing thru the pores of the plaster and when the room at the ceiling reached a certain degree of heat and counteracted by the cold air in the attic, caused the sudden separation between the strong and the weak and naturally being at the face of the lath it showed up there first. It is probable that the plastering was done during very warm weather and the lath being very dry, absorbed the moisture out of the mortar, thereby preventing the proper setting up of the under coat. Now, under such conditions the lath should be well sprinkled before applying the mortar.

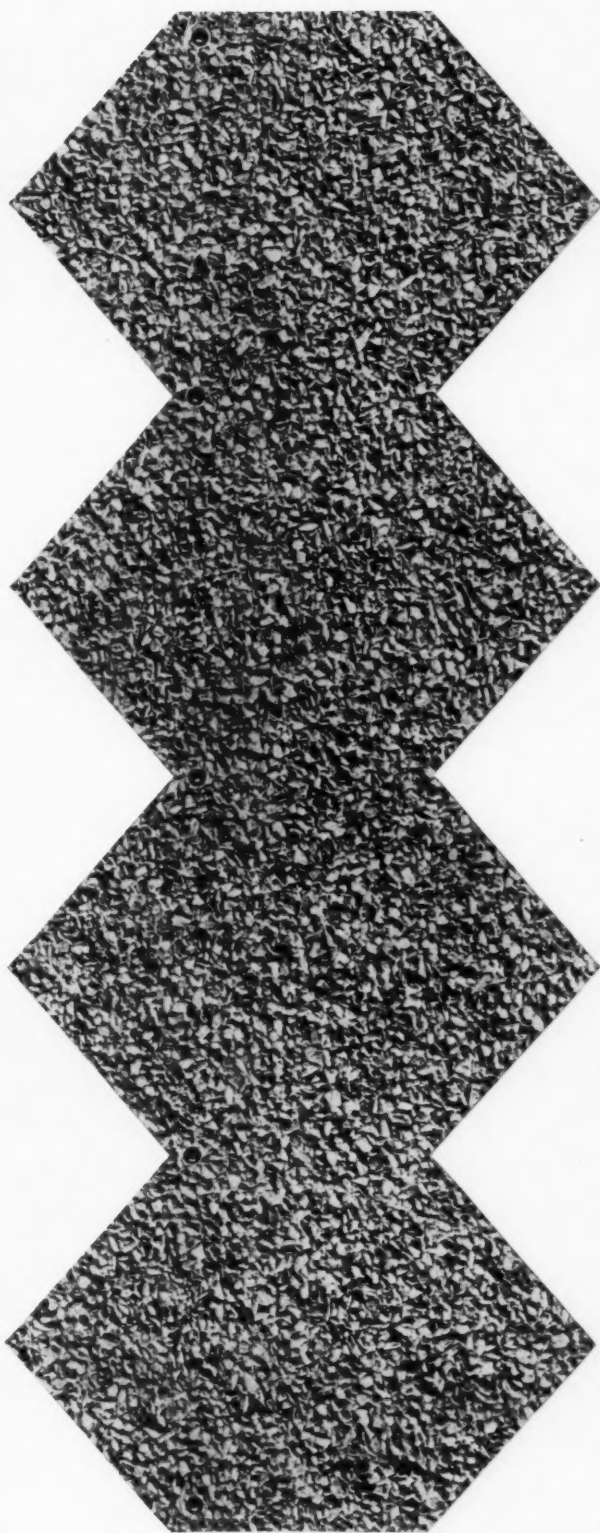
The reason the side walls did not crack and peel off was because the heat being greater at the ceiling and larger area of cold air in the attic caused the giving away of the ceiling first. In other words, if the walls had been subjected to the same conditions they would have cracked and peeled same as the ceiling.

If this giving away of the plastering occurred during the recent cold weather I think it will fully prove my theory.

A. W. WOODS.

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Elevator Builders

To the Editor: Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Altho we have been subscribers and readers of the *AMERICAN BUILDER* most of the time since its beginning, this is our first attempt in writing you.

We wish to thank the Editor for the kind interest shown in answering the letter from Morgan Park, Ill., in the January number, for it was very interesting and helpful to us.

The most of our work differs to some extent from the ordinary line of carpentry, for we are grain and bean elevator builders. We use concrete foundations with mill construction and steel corrugated siding usually. We have a Little Wonder Concrete Mixer No. 17, with side loader, which we think is a dandy; also a light size Parks ball bearing woodworker with a swing cutoff saw and tilting table that we built and attached to the woodworker ourselves, and is fine for cutting hopper bottoms and all angle cuts. We find that we could not get along without it.

We have been trying to take some pictures of this outfit, but as yet have not made much success of it, but will enclose what we have for your use, if you see fit. We are using a hoist which we rigged up with the clutch pulley and gearing from an old creamery churn to elevate materials with, driving it with either the mixer or woodworker engine.

J. H. FERRIS,

Hodgins & Ferris, General Contractors.



Thirty Thousand Bushel Elevator at Port Huron, Mich., for the Michigan Bean Company Built Last Fall by Hodgins & Ferris.

Kicks from a Good Kicker

To the Editor:

Shelby, Neb.

I have been taking the *AMERICAN BUILDER* for some time and think it is a very good magazine, but think there is some room for improvement. These are just my ideas and you are not to pay very much attention to them.

One thing I think would be better for us carpenters is more dope about wood and less about brick; leave the brick work to the mason. Then make your Correspondence Department larger, and offer some means of getting the information that men have had to get by experience.

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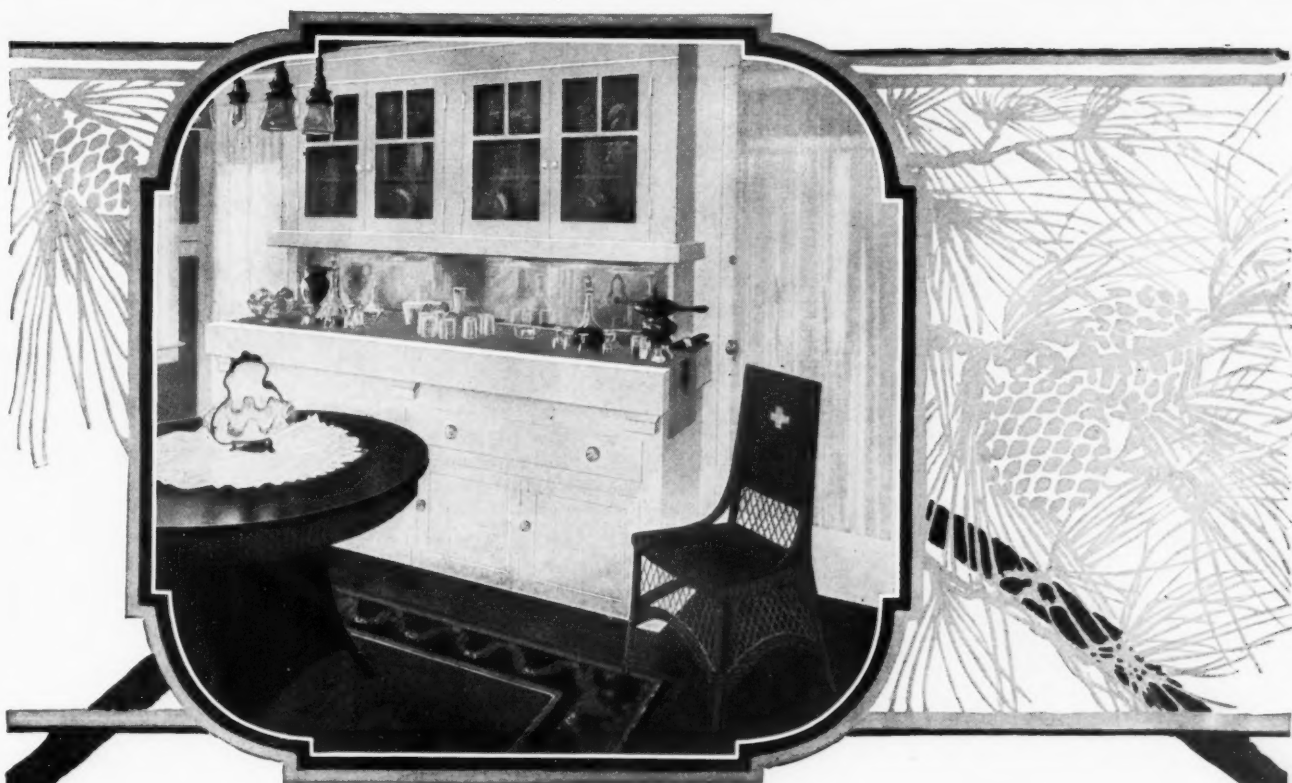
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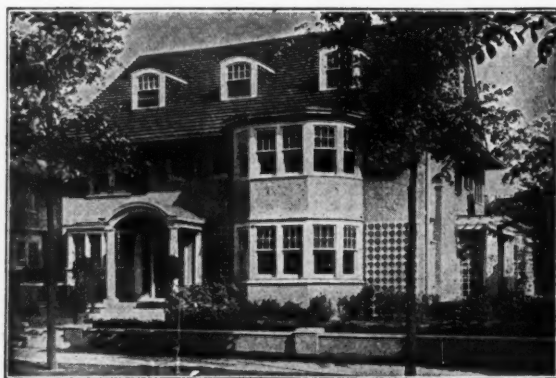
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Another thing would look better to me but probably not to the advertisers, is to place the ads all in one part of the magazine. I save all the good parts of the magazine and bind them in a loose leaf binder. Have six or seven years in one book. I do not want to save the ads, but find some pages with useful information on one side and an ad on the other side. Have to save the ad or lose the information on the other side.

Still another thing, some of the stunts, such as shingling and fast building are so stretched that no one would believe it. Workmen generally earn their money and if A puts on 15,000 shingles while B puts on only 2,000, the chances are that they *both* did a good honest day's work.

I would like to buy a book on machine woodworking. Do you know of any published? Would like to know a quick way to cut wedges on a rip saw, also how to build a sander that will do finish work. I have a portable car 8 by 20 feet that has a rip saw and engine, also place for nails and a lot of other things, and have a swing cut-off saw that sets outside. Find this very convenient, as I can do my work right on the job.

Well, this about all the kicking I can do for this time.

EVERETT FUNKHOUSER.



Some Questions for Steel Square Fans

To the Editor:

Carterville, Mo.

As a reader of the AMERICAN BUILDER I see quite a few articles on the steel square and its uses.

I want some reader to answer some of these questions about the square. In the first place, what is the steel square? What did it originate from, and who made it? Who was the first to have it patented? Where did he get his ideas of how to make the steel square, and what did he take for his base?

I have used the steel square for thirty-five years, and know as much about it as anyone. I have made a study of it in all the books I could get, but have never seen the questions answered which I have asked. I know all about the cuts and uses of the square.

The AMERICAN BUILDER is fine, and I enjoy reading it. I am writing this to get carpenters to study the square. There are so many men who do not know the many ways in which the steel square can be used, many of them using it only for squaring off boards. The article on page 89 of the January number, by A. W. Woods, impressed me as to the ideas of the steel square. I want someone to go back to when the solar year was figured out and see if he can find out how the steel square was originated.

J. M. McDANIEL,
Contractor and Builder.



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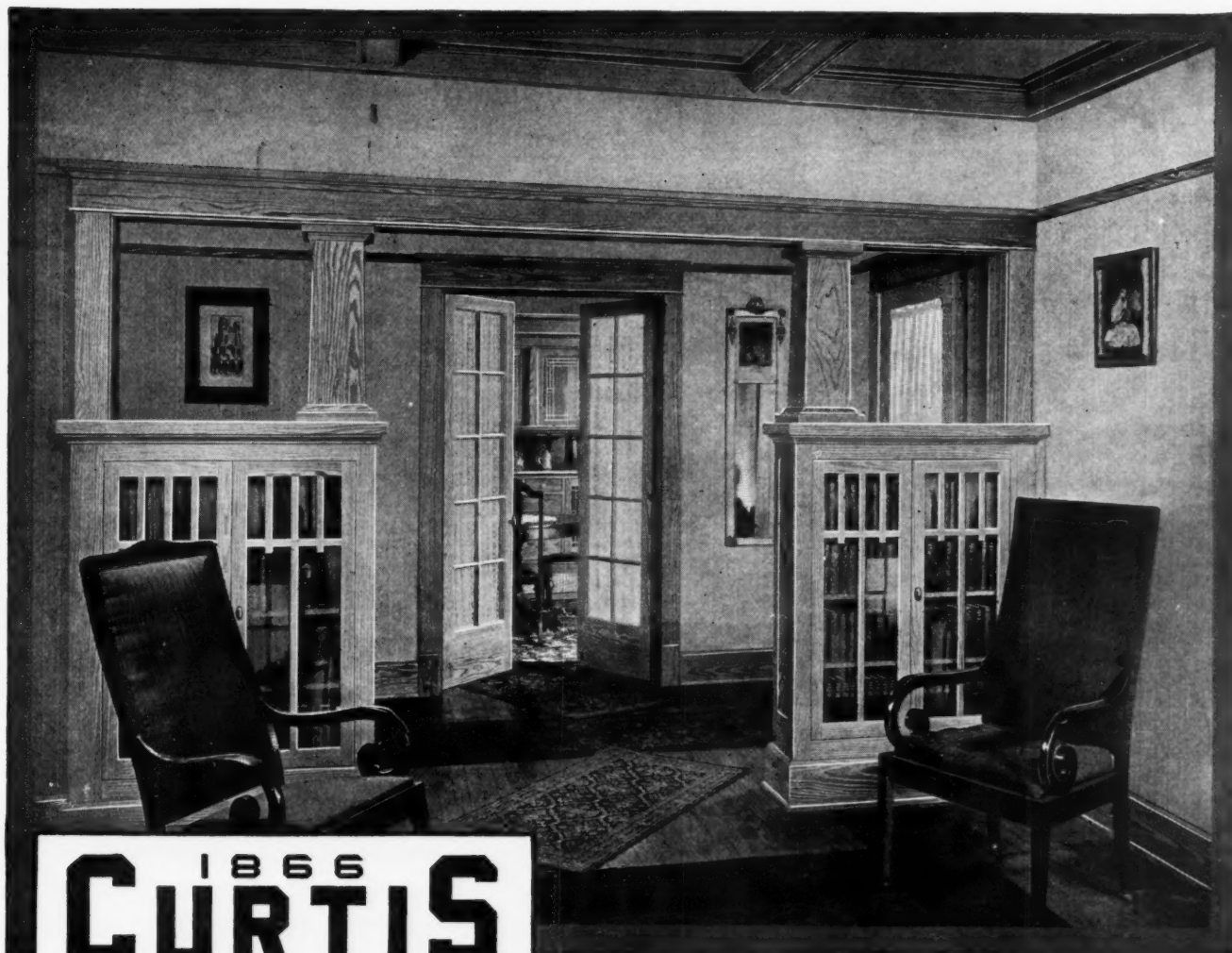
To the Editor:

Huntington, Ind.

This is a busy town, and I am always busy. Even now they are advertising for carpenters around here. I maintain a shop the year around, but have no special use for it in the spring, summer and autumn; but it pays well in winter, for I do all kinds of cabinet work myself and like it very much. But as soon as the sun shines in spring, my shop being in the business section, enables me to use it mostly for an office and a place to keep tools, etc., and above all a bonanza to catch business.

I have read your paper with interest and gleaned many pointers from it, I assure you, and often feel like answering some of the questions asked.

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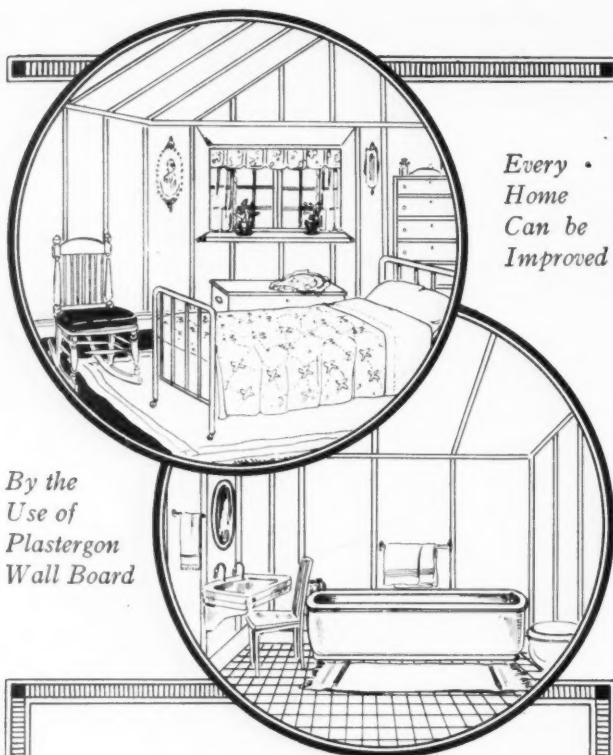
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NEWS OF THE FIELD

Number of Paint Shades and Sizes of Containers Reduced

The Council of National Defense makes the following announcement:

To conserve tin and linseed oil and other ingredients of paint that are necessary for carrying on the war paint manufacturers now making in some cases as high as 100 shades of house paint will limit themselves after July 1 to thirty-two shades. They will also eliminate several sizes of containers. Recommendations to this effect have just been issued by the Commercial Economy Board of the Council of National Defense. The board consulted with practically all manufacturers and representative dealers in preparing the recommendations and is already assured of the co-operation of practically the entire trade.

Eight Shades of Enamel

The detailed limitations refer to all kinds of paint and varnish. Enamels, for instance, will be restricted by the manufacturers to eight shades, floor paint to eight, roof and barn paint to two, shingle stains to twelve, oil colors to thirty, carriage paint to eight, architectural varnishes to ten grades, marine varnishes to four, and so on. In many cases this will mean a reduction of 50 per cent or more.

Half-gallon cans are to be discontinued altogether for both paints and varnishes, as are also all cans smaller than half pints. In several kinds of paints, pint containers are to be eliminated and all cans smaller than gallons in barn and roof paint and shingle stain are to be dropped. The reductions are expected to involve little inconvenience to consumers.

Can Operate on Smaller Stocks

With the reduction in the number of kinds of paint and varnish and of the sizes of containers dealers will be able to operate on smaller stocks, and this will mean the release of large quantities of materials and capital that would otherwise be tied up on the dealers' shelves.

The program represents the voluntary action of paint manufacturers and dealers in meeting a national problem presented to them by the board.



Ransome and Oshkosh Combine

To supply the contracting trade of the United States with a full line of equipment from stock is the aim of a new consolidation in the contractors' equipment field.

The Ransome Concrete Machinery Company has made a combination with the Oshkosh Manufacturing Company. This alliance places the new company—the Ransome-Leach Company—in a position to handle the Western trade from the Oshkosh factory and the Eastern trade from the Dunellen, N. J., factory, giving a distributing center for machines both in the East and West. In addition, the Oshkosh Manufacturing Company are the makers of the "Eveready" saw rig and woodworking machinery, which has been added to the line. Duplication of mixers and pavers will be, in this manner,

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Concrete Institute Meeting Postponed

On account of the congestion of the railway service and the expressed wish of the government to restrict passenger traffic to the minimum of necessity at this time, the board of direction of the American Concrete Institute on January 16, 1918, decided to postpone the annual meeting of the institute until June 24-26, 1918, at Atlantic City, N. J.

Full preparation had been made for the regular meeting at Chicago on February 7, 8 and 9, 1918, but the directors feel that patriotism impels the postponement until the later date. Copies of the program amended to meet this condition, together with preprints of papers and reports, will be mailed to the members at least two months in advance of the convention.



Wait Goes with P. C. Ass'n.

Bertrand H. Wait has entered the employ of the Portland Cement Association and on February 1 will take up his duties with the association as district engineer in charge of the Portland Cement Association, New York office, 101 Park Avenue.



Annual Exhibit of Evening Work at Institute

Thursday evening, March 7, will be observed as "Visitors' Night" in the School of Science and Technology of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn. From eight to nine o'clock all the shops, laboratories and drawing rooms of the school will be open to the public, giving an opportunity to all persons interested in industrial education to observe the students at work in the various courses and to inspect the results and methods as well as the equipment and general facilities of the institute for conducting this kind of industrial training.

The School of Science and Technology provides instruction in industrial electricity, technical chemistry, mechanical drawing and machine design, strength of materials, stationary engineering and power plant machinery, internal combustion engine work, machine work and toolmaking, forge work, carpentry and building, pattern making, and trade teaching for the training of skilled workmen who desire to prepare themselves for the teaching of their trades. A special feature of

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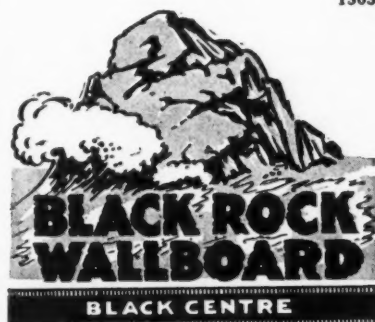
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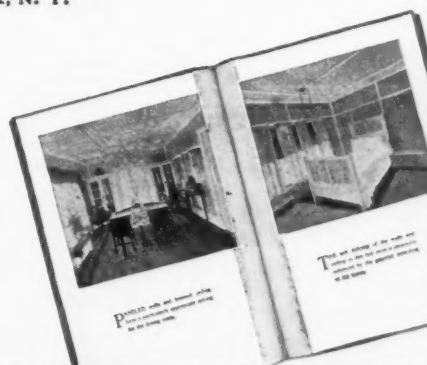
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the work this year is the organization of a number of new courses to meet the extraordinary demands for skilled mechanics arising from the war. These courses are boat woodworking, ship drafting, marine engine operation, and gasoline engine operation for men desiring to enter the aviation service.

This school is now giving instruction in its evening courses to more than thirteen hundred men who are regularly employed in various vocations and who use these courses as a means to prepare themselves for more effective service.

This will be the only public exhibit of the work of this school held this year.



Meeting the Time Penalty Clause in Building Construction During Low Winter Temperature in Chicago

A small building job that presented unusually difficult conditions on account of a time limit during very low winter temperature accompanied by the heaviest snowfall and the most severe blizzards in the city's history has just been completed within the time limit in Chicago.

Increasing business of the Wm. Glader Machine Works, Ann and Lake streets, Chicago, made necessary erecting an addition to their plant in the shortest possible time. About the middle of last December a contract was let to the A. Lund Construction Co. to erect a 50 by 100-foot one-story-and-basement machine shop on the corner adjacent to their present plant. A stipulation of the contract was that the entire work, including excavating basement, constructing foundation side-walls and piers and erecting superstructure was to be completed within five weeks with a penalty for every day of delay beyond the specified time.



Concreting in Zero Weather at Ann and Lake Streets, Chicago.

Work began immediately and proceeded with only a few hours' interruptions, notwithstanding temperatures ranging to 14 degrees below zero prevailed and during the early part of the construction there was the heaviest fall of snow on record with practically all streets except those on which were street car lines blocked to traffic.

The foundation work consisted of side retaining walls on three sides and a central row of piers. Forms for the concrete were constructed in the usual manner. About a foot

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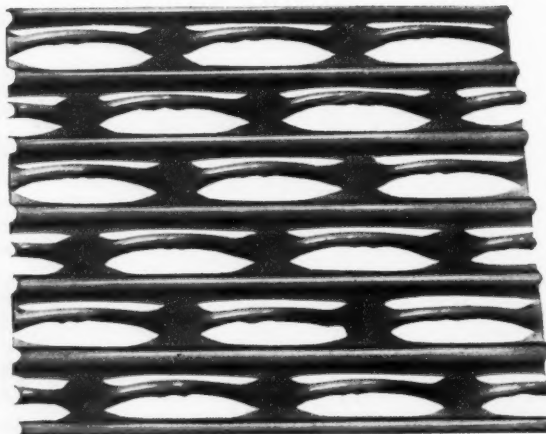
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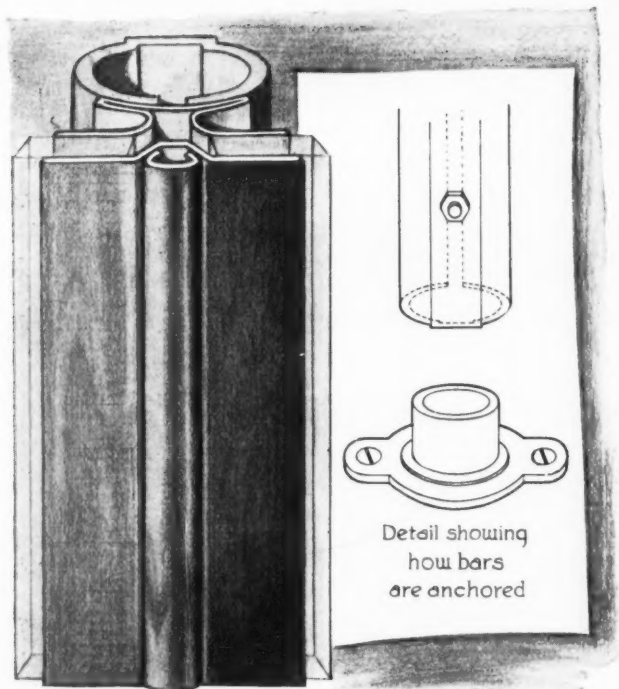
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inside of the forms for the sidewalls and about the same distance entirely surrounding the central piers other forms were built. Before the concrete was poured the space between the two sets of forms was filled with stable manure and firmly tamped.

The concrete was mixed in a 15 cubic foot "The Standard" low charging mixer which was placed close to the side of the structure, making it necessary to wheel the concrete only a short distance. Sand and stone were delivered by teams and motor trucks and the sand piled and heated by maintaining a fire in a central cylinder of boiler iron extending thru the pile. Water for the concrete was supplied by a large cask mounted on the mixer platform, and heated by a vertical type boiler placed near the end of the mixer. The stone was not heated and no anti-freezing preparations were used. As soon as a section of a sidewall or one of the piers was poured, the top was covered with stable manure about a foot deep and allowed to remain until it was necessary to remove it to begin the brick superstructure.

While the size of this job is not large, its interesting feature is in the fact that it was satisfactorily completed within the very short time limit under weather conditions so severe that few contractors would care to undertake outside construction work.



National Radiator Co. Takes Over Federal Radiator

With the purchase of the Federal Radiator Company of New Castle, Pa., the National Radiator Company of Johnstown, Pa., announces an increase of capital stock to \$2,500,000.

Main offices of the company will be retained at Johnstown, Pa. Officers of the new organization are: John H. Waters, president; S. B. Waters, vice-president and treasurer; G. C. Blackmore, vice-president and superintendent of manufacturing; R. E. Warden, general manager sales; Chas. L. Crouse, credit manager, and C. E. Resley, auditor.



The Bicycle as a War Time Economy

The bicycle is a very necessary and constantly increasing part of the equipment of modern armies. Back of the front line trenches they are in use by the tens of thousands and the new big American army now in the making will take thousands of "Sammies" to the front, mounted on sturdy, ever-to-be-depend-on bicycles. We are proud of the share that one of our Chicago manufacturers has had in the outfitting of the American and British armies in this respect.

While we have always known it to be true, it has been doubly emphasized in the World War, that the bicycle is the cheapest form of transportation in the world today. Needing no stable or garage, no groom nor expert repairman, requiring no food, fuel or water, it is **always** ready for service. It will go anywhere that a horse, automobile or motorcycle can go—and into and thru many places where other means of transportation cannot go.

And it is significant of the spirit of true economy which is sweeping the country that civilian bicycle riding is now showing a decided increase. The shoe leather saved and the carfare saved by the intelligent use of a good bicycle are real, easy to figure economies that more than pay for the cost of the bicycle. The time saved in going there and coming back again is an extra dividend, while the pleasant exercise given to the leg and body muscles when riding, the deep draughts of good fresh air that sweeps clear to the bottom

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Wallace Planer Awarded the Label of Safety

About three years ago the Underwriters' Laboratories organized a “Casualty Department” designed to establish the same relation between casualty insurance companies and users of safety devices which has been in existence for many years



between fire insurance companies and users of fire protection and prevention apparatus.

This casualty department works in conjunction with a “casualty council,” which is composed of representatives of The National Workmen's Compensation Service Bureau, Federal Bureaus of Mines and Standards, State Labor Department of Pennsylvania, State Labor Department of New Jersey, the American Museum of Safety, and all the largest casualty insurance companies.

The casualty department also co-operates with other departments of the Underwriters' Laboratories in the investigation of devices and machines which have a bearing on both the accident and fire hazards.

The first complete woodworking machine submitted for approval as to accident and fire hazards was the Wallace bench planer, manufactured by a well-known Chicago company.

The casualty department made a thoro investigation of every constructional detail of this machine, together with



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the patented flap and shutter guard, which is part of its regular equipment. After a few minor changes were offered, a complete report on the machine was made to the casualty council, and by casting a favorable majority vote they signified their approval.

At regular intervals an inspector of the Underwriters' Laboratories visits the factory, checking up every detail of the Wallace bench planers under construction, and authorizing the use of their label on every approved machine.



Sewer Pipe Makers Stage Instructive Exhibit

The exhibit of the Sewer Pipe Manufacturers Association at the Columbus Real Estate and Building Show, Jan. 23 to Feb. 2, took the form of a display of pipe joining methods in which the Flex-Form joint was used to demonstrate the advantages of poured joints over the traditional hand troweling method.

Lest some reader may think that special skill was employed in preparing the exhibit it may be worth while to record that an emergency arose just before the exhibit was placed and

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Some Answers to Questions That Frequently Arise Regarding Concrete Work

I want to build a concrete foundation, but as I won't be able to place the concrete all at one time, please advise how I can do the work from day to day and get the best results.

It rarely happens that all the concrete can be placed at one time unless it is a very small job. When you have done about as much work as you can do in a day on your foundation, put some clean jagged rocks in the top of the concrete, say a foot apart, with about half the rock protruding from the concrete. When ready to place more concrete, wet the top surface of the hardened concrete. The rocks will help to make a good bond with the new concrete. Of course, it is necessary to see that the old concrete is free from all dirt before the fresh concrete is deposited.

If there is a foamy coating on top, caused by use of a very wet mixture, remove or roughen this.

Can concrete be used in the construction of a tank for the storage of molasses and is it necessary to apply any special coating on the inner surface?

It is entirely practical to use concrete in the construction of a tank for the storage of molasses. At the present time there are some fifteen manufacturers of molasses feeds in this country using underground concrete storage tanks for this purpose. Some of these have been in service for six to ten years. A number of them were built without any coating on the inner surface other than a cement mortar finish, and no detrimental effect has been observed either on the concrete of the tank or upon the quality of the molasses.

The concrete tank being placed under ground keeps the molasses at a more uniform temperature, and once constructed according to recognized practice in building water storage tanks, etc., requires no further attention.

If these, or any other concrete-construction questions or subjects interest you, and you live east of the Mississippi, tell us what you are planning to build and we will send you a free copy of "ALPHA CEMENT—How to use it." This is a 96-page illustrated hand-book that shows how to build scores of concrete improvements. Ask for Book 10. Special information will be furnished free, on request, on the following subjects:

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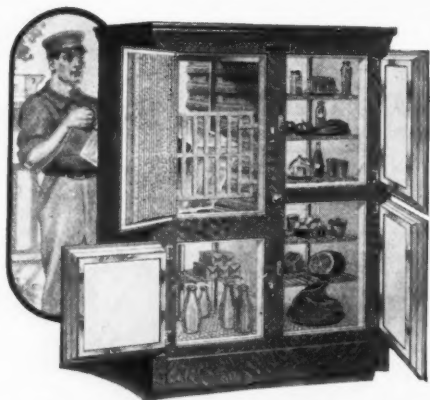
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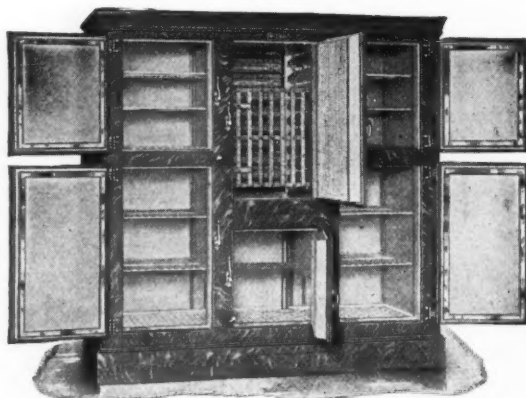
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an eighteen-year-old helper who had never poured a sewer pipe joint before in his life was compelled to make the joints in the two structures shown in the picture.

Three 6-inch standard 2-foot lengths of pipe formed the spans. The bottoms of the increasers were sealed with cement and the entire constructions were filled to the top with water and maintained that head thru the show without so much as the sweating of a joint.

The span of the three lengths of vitrified pipe on one of these structures were joined with G-K compound represent-



Exhibit of the Sewer Pipe Manufacturers' Association at the Columbus Building Show.

ing the flexible drain line construction and the joints of the other span were poured with plain one-and-one cement and demonstrated the rigid drain line construction.

The joints remained absolutely dry and were so different in appearance from the ordinary test that it was often necessary to stir up the water in one T, making waves in the opposite T thru the span to show some skeptics that there was no camouflaging in the construction.

From the interest that architects, engineers and plumbers took and expressed in regard to this exhibit and the "Tight & Right" installation, it appears that the "Flex-Form" will be a very popular tool and a universal favorite in aiding the conscientious efforts in the conservation of metals.

The exhibit also included a miniature culvert with concrete headwall and water flowing thru it continuously.

A fireplace was erected for the purpose of displaying an installation of fire clay flue lining, one of the products closely allied with sewer pipe.



The Sheet Metal Specialty Co. Enters Truck Field

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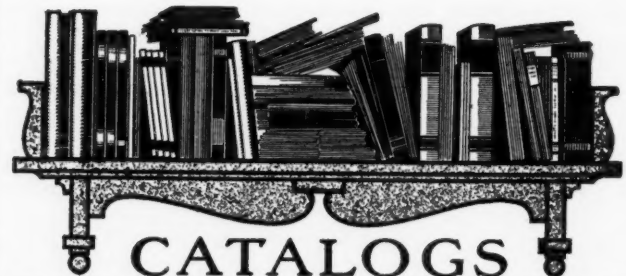
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Trus-Con Steel Buildings is the timely subject of a new illustrated booklet issued by the Trussed Concrete Steel Company, Youngstown, O. It features standardized structures built with their standard stock units, which are carried for immediate delivery. These sheet steel building units are making all kinds of emergency and portable structures at the present time, including warehouses, shops, dining halls, barracks, offices, etc. One gets a new conception of the adaptability of knock-down sheet metal buildings in looking thru this booklet. 24 pages and cover, size 8½ by 11 inches.

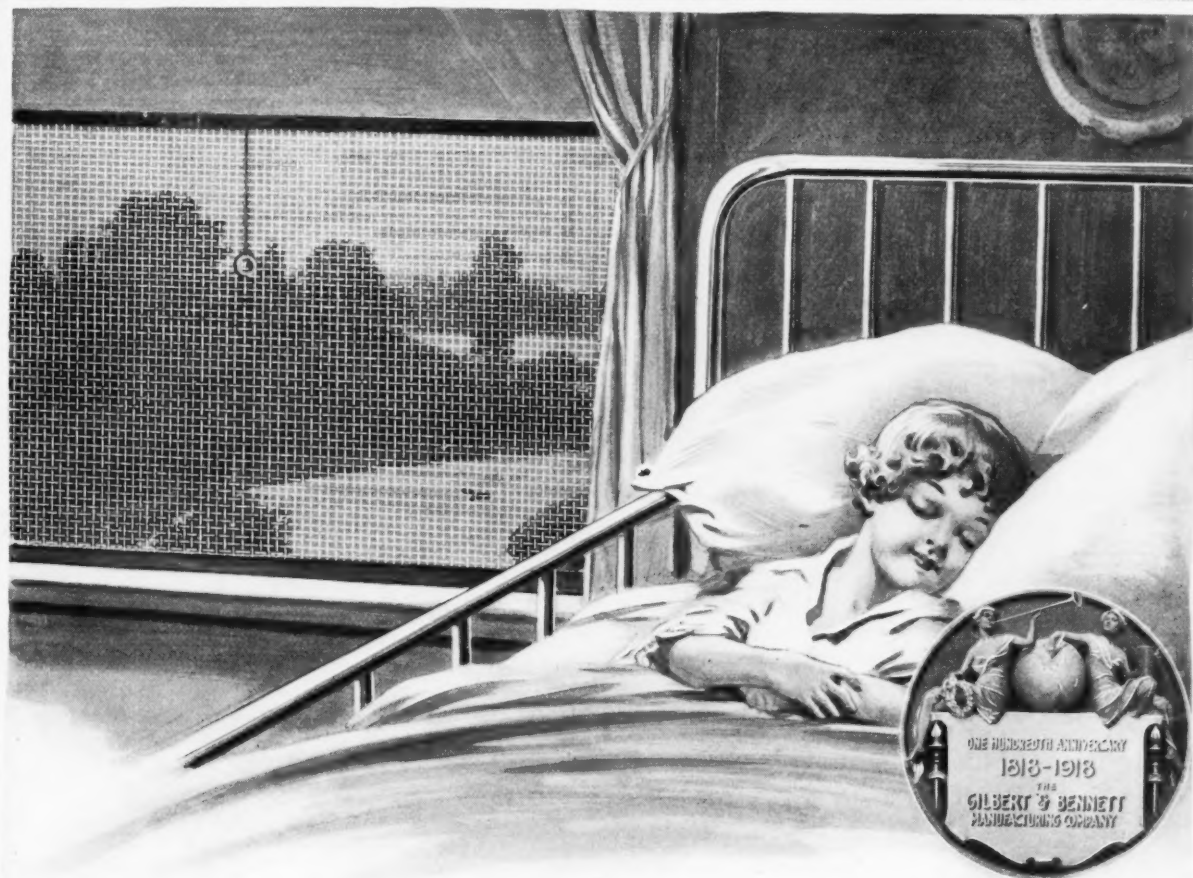
"Rules and Regulations for School House Construction" has been issued by the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, Harrisburg, Pa. It gives the regulations which every Pennsylvania builder or architect should have for handling any public school (including rural) remodeling or building. 24 pages, size 6 by 9 inches.

"One Hundred Years of Progress" is the title of a deluxe souvenir book prepared by the Gilbert & Bennett Mfg. Company, of Georgetown, Conn., and Chicago, to celebrate their one hundredth anniversary. It goes back to the time in 1818 when Benjamin Gilbert began the business, which has continued to the present day. A number of rare old etchings are reproduced, and the portraits of the leading men of this organization are shown. The story of the beginning and the development of this wire cloth business reads like a romance. The binding is cloth, stamped in a special design and with gold. The book is a worthy addition to any library.

"Building More Comfort Into the Farm Home" is the text of a well planned pamphlet by The Beaver Board Companies, Buffalo, N. Y. It shows by well selected photographs and drawings, how wall board is being used for remodeling farm houses and for lining farm buildings. The descriptive matter points out a number of helpful ideas for the user of Beaver Board.

National's 1918 Hardware Catalog. The new catalog of the National Mfg. Company, Sterling, Ill., featuring their complete line of builders' hardware, is a book of 104 pages, size 7 by 10 inches. It takes up in clear and logical order their equipment for sliding barn doors, their garage door hardware, their door pulls, hasps, hinges, push plates, door and window screen hardware, ball bearing floor hinges, butt hinges, and ornamental hinges. All

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items are indexed. The illustrations are very satisfactory and the descriptive matter pertaining to each item gives just the desired information.

The "Stewart Monogram" is a new house organ or business booster published "every little while," it is stated, by the Stewart Mfg. Company, 165 Rath St., Waterloo, Ia. The first two issues contain eight pages each, size 7½ by 10½ inches. Contractors will find this little paper readable and interesting.

"Pigs — Pork — Profits." The Lichty Metal Products Company, Waterloo, Ia., thus make use of "apt alliteration's artful aid" to boost their two newest specialties for hog houses, namely: The Monitor Suction Cupola, and the Monitor Twin Windows. The circular is printed in black and green, and makes a timely appeal for fresh air and sunshine in the hog house in order to make pork. They also have a blueprint of a model hog house which they are distributing.

"Novo Power" makes its bow. The first issue of a new house organ is out, issued by the Novo Engine Company, Lansing, Mich. It is designed for sales agents of Novo products. Clarence E. Bement, vice-president and general manager of the company, states in his Foreword that the principal work of this publication will be to keep you posted on the different outfits they are bringing out and the improvements they are continually making on their old outfits. It is a 4-page paper, size 9 by 12 inches.

David White Company Surveyors' Instruments. In a new illustrated catalog of 32 pages and cover, size 6 by 9 inches, the David White Company, Milwaukee, Wis., fea-

ture their extensive line of surveyors' instruments, including engineers' transits, architects' levels, contractors' levels, leveling rods, tapes, spirit levels, etc. The importance of accuracy in any building or engineering work is acknowledged by all. The cost of accuracy is not great when the proper instruments are employed.

"Concrete on the Farm" is the title of a new book by the Atlas Portland Cement Company, New York City. It contains 94 pages, size 8 by 10 inches, extremely well illustrated with clear photographs, well drawn sketches, and working plans. Every imaginable use of concrete on the farm is pictured and described. Rural builders and farmers will find this a gold mine of inspiring suggestions and useful information.

"Radford Screen Goods for 1918." In a very neat booklet of 16 pages and cover, size 4 by 8 inches, the Radford & Wright Company, Oshkosh, Wis., feature their enlarged line of screen doors, window screens, and porch screens. A combination door having a glass panel for winter when used as a storm door, and a screen panel for summer, is an interesting item of their line. Quite a choice of panel styles is offered in these combination doors. The Radford screen goods can be obtained thru any retail lumber dealer.

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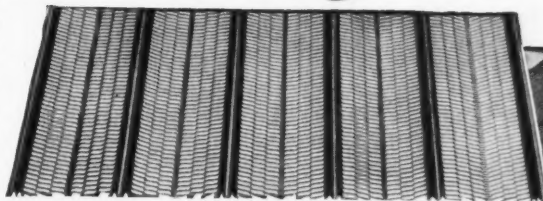
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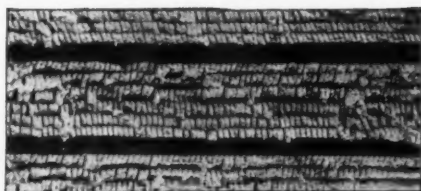
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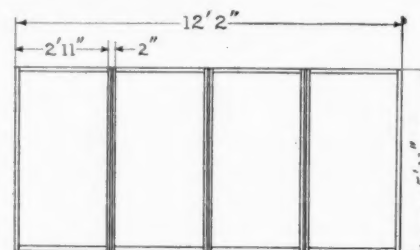
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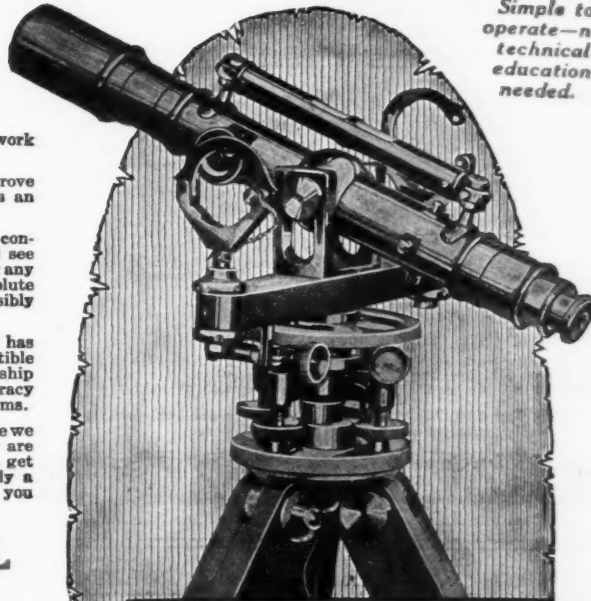
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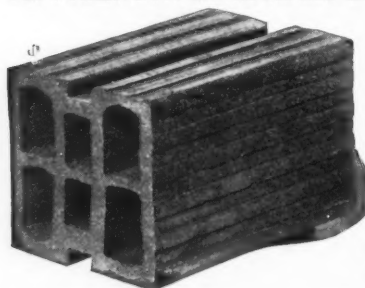
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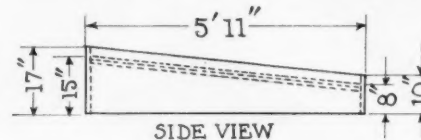
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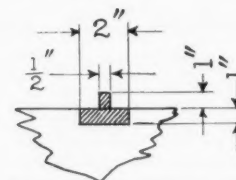
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in the glass at home. This is done by means of small, special brads. Putty may be used, also, but is not absolutely necessary. For convenience small knobs or handles should be fastened to the sash frame.

The pit is the important part. It must be about 19 inches deep and 1 foot larger each way than the frame. This is to allow for even heating of sides and



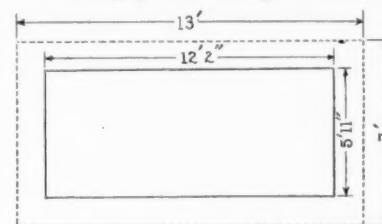
SIDE VIEW



END OF CROSS-BAR

corners. Fresh horse manure should be used. It should be turned several times before covering, so that it will start heating evenly. The manure should be placed in the pit to the depth of 15 inches. It should then be dampened and thoroly tamped down. Then the frame should be set down, and sufficient fresh, loamy garden soil put in to level with the ground. Dirt or manure should be banked against the sides of the frame. At the end of three or four days the bed is ready for planting.

For raising sweet potato plants, or where the temperature does not fall more than three or four degrees below the freezing point, cheap muslin is often used



PIT MUST EXTEND 1 FOOT BEYOND FRAME



SECTION OF PIT.

in place of glass. It is nailed securely to one end, and fastened to strips the width of the hotbed every two or three feet—to prevent sagging. To uncover the bed for ventilation it is simply rolled up on the strips.

The location for a hotbed is an important item too often overlooked. It should be in a sheltered place, protected from the north and west winds. Water supply should be convenient, as it is necessary to frequently water the plants.

A cold-frame is constructed in just the same way as a hotbed, except that no manure is used—consequently a pit is not needed.



The Acid Test

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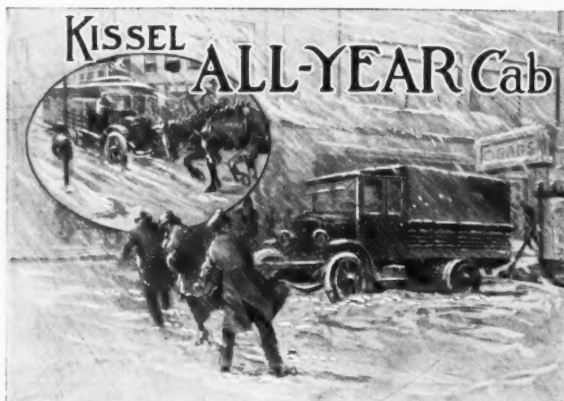
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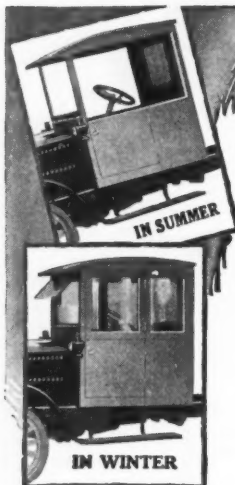
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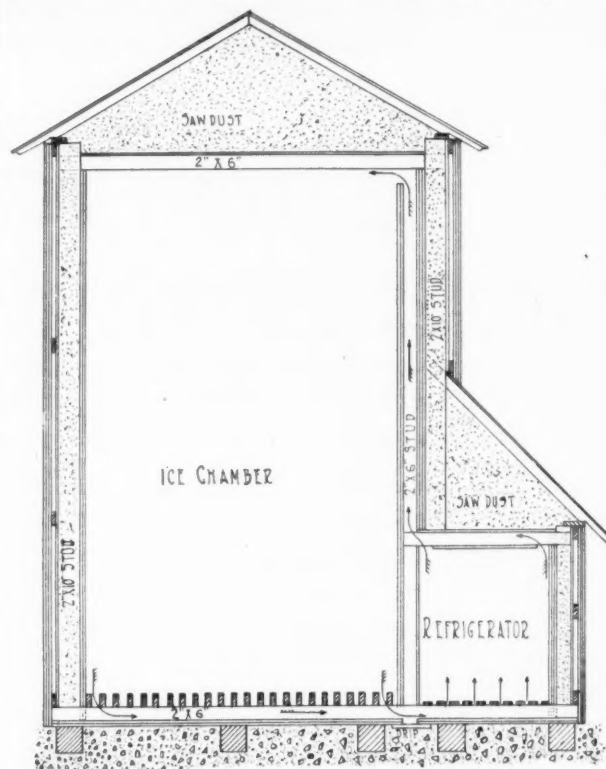
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Building the Farm Ice House

The foundation for the ice house is the first important consideration. Drainage is necessary to carry away the drip, so that provision must be made for the percolation of drip water thru a porous substance so that it will run it off a safe distance.

If the ground is sandy and slopes away from the ice house the proposition is easy. The only thing necessary is to make a ditch around the foundation and to lay a tile drain around the ice house with an opening pointing down hill. The tile is simply covered with sand and the ground made level. On the top of this level surface is placed a foot of sawdust. As the ice melts, the sawdust becomes damp and packs closely under the weight of the ice, so that air cannot penetrate thru to the ice from the bottom in sufficient quantities to do any harm.

If the ground is especially fine grained clay, then a porous foundation must be made to get rid of the moisture. This can be done by filling in between the sills of the building with gravel, putting the coarse gravel in the bottom and the finer gravel on top.



Practical Ice House and Cooling Room.

In clay ground the tile drain should be placed inside of the building at the bottom of the gravel. The gravel foundation should be about a foot deep. Then a foot of sawdust is filled in and the ice put on top of the sawdust in the usual way.

The ice house building should correspond in appearance with the other farm structures.

It is not necessary to insulate an ice house for farm use. The only requirement is that the ice space should

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1917.....	200.8	129.2	64.9	109.5	163.9	157.5	292.8	177.0	14.01	23.2
1916.....	122.2	73.8	43.1	67.2	94.8	89.9	197.8	104.3	11.25	14.8
1915.....	103.8	71.2	44.4	55.2	89.7	81.5	150.6	52.1	11.27	9.5
1914.....	88.4	71.4	40.2	50.0	69.9	78.7	134.3	72.4	11.96	9.2
1913.....	78.7	59.4	36.7	52.9	63.2	71.7	121.4	64.2	11.66	12.3
1912.....	86.6	65.6	44.6	69.6	76.5	75.1	160.5	81.4	14.25	11.0
1911.....	86.3	55.3	38.1	74.0	77.5	70.6	207.1	91.6	13.56	11.5
1910.....	96.4	62.1	40.8	56.2	73.9	71.6	218.1	59.1	11.96	14.0
1909.....	101.3	65.9	49.0	59.0	75.8	76.8	131.3	76.9	9.95	11.7
1908.....	90.3	63.4	48.7	58.9	74.2	77.5	108.0	74.8	10.00	9.5
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Prices for 1917 increased over 1916 prices, according to the following percentages, based on the above table: WHEAT, 61%; CORN, 57.1%; OATS, 66.4%; BARLEY, 61.4%; RYE, 57.8%; BUCK-WHEAT, 57%; FLAXSEED, 67.6%; POTATOES, 59%; HAY, 80.3%; COTTON, 63.8%.

These figures have been taken from the December, 1917, issue of "Monthly Crop Report," which is published by an authority of the Secretary of Agriculture. Study them carefully so that you may be well informed on this important subject.

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Rear section of store just after the fire. Note failure of plaster on walls.



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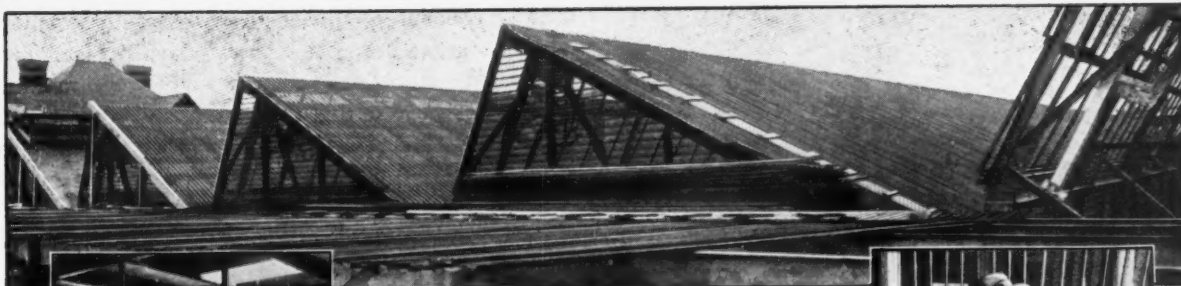
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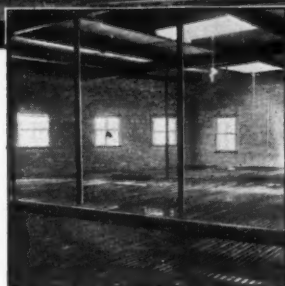
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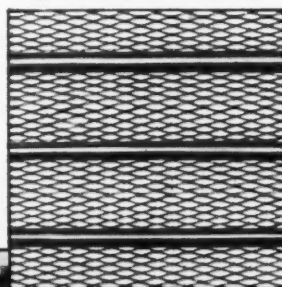
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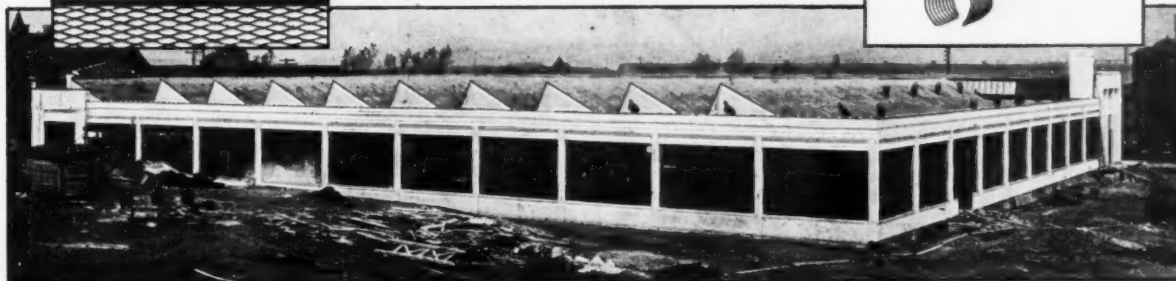


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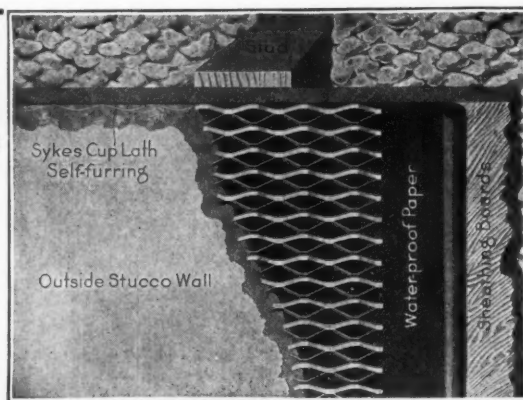
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be about 12 feet across and about 14 feet deep. There must be room all around the ice for sawdust or chopped straw or hay to keep the air away from the ice. Twelve feet in diameter gives sufficient quantity to maintain a low temperature so that the ice melts very slowly. Any material used for packing should be watched as the ice settles.

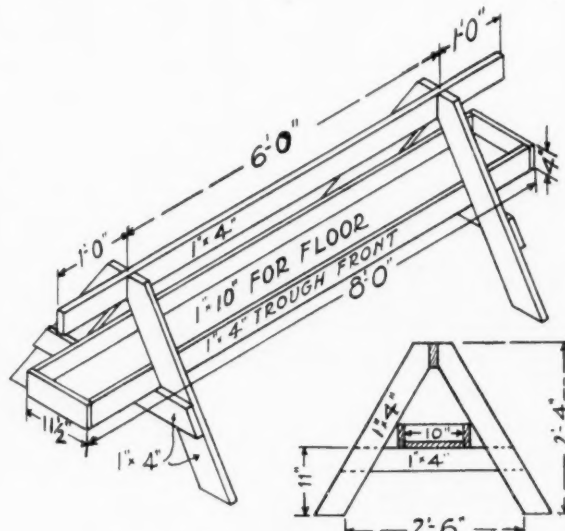
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Weight of Ice

Ice is heavy. A cubic foot of ice weighs approximately 58 pounds. One ton of ice occupies nearly 35 cubic feet. A cube of ice 11 by 11 feet, and 11 feet high, if solid all thru, would weigh about 38 tons.

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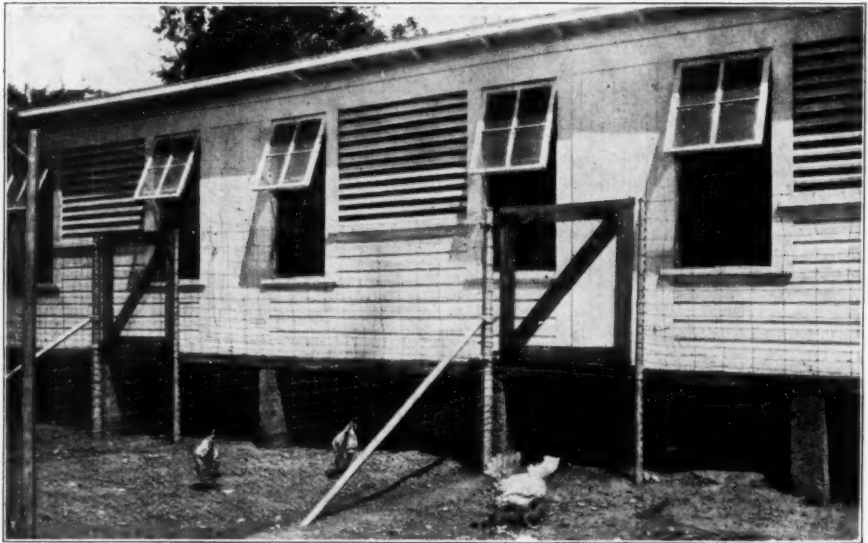
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Poultry House at Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station.

house without traveling far out of his way. Double spring doors in the inside partitions separate adjoining units. The floor in this house is of concrete.—H. H. RICE.

Will Building Materials Become Cheaper?

THE conclusion reached by O. E. Hawk, president of the Youngstown, O., real estate board is that it will never be cheaper to build than now; or as he exemplifies his idea: "It is, therefore, hard to see

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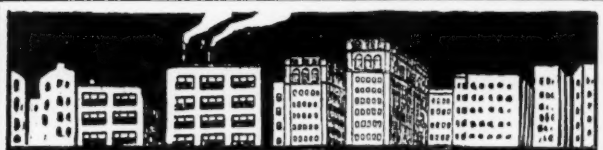
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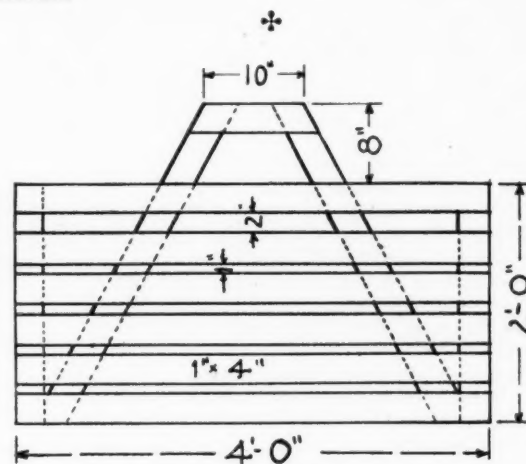
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where anyone who intends to build can save money by waiting. On the contrary, it would seem to be the part of economy to build now before prices advance still further, and in the case of business building, to take advantage of the greater saving which increased facilities naturally afford."

Mr. Hawk thinks that after the wars are over there will come an era of unprecedented prosperity in which the whole country will share. It will be an era of reconstruction in which all labor will be employed at higher, not at lower wages and the materials at hand or procurable will not be enough to supply the needs.

Under such conditions he does not see how building operations can be carried on for less than they are now. Of many materials, he thinks, there will not be nearly enough. But one of the greatest shortages will be in labor for there will not be a liberal supply of foreign labor. He does not believe, as some do, that there will be a rush from Europe Americaward, for there will be too much work to be done in the European countries and the various nationalities will want to aid in rebuilding their own countries. Especially will this be the case if the American ends are attained—the liberalization of the governments of those countries.



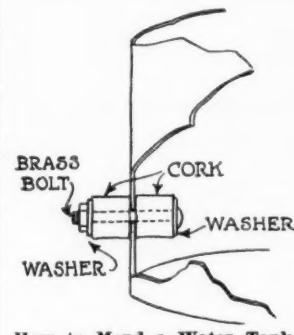
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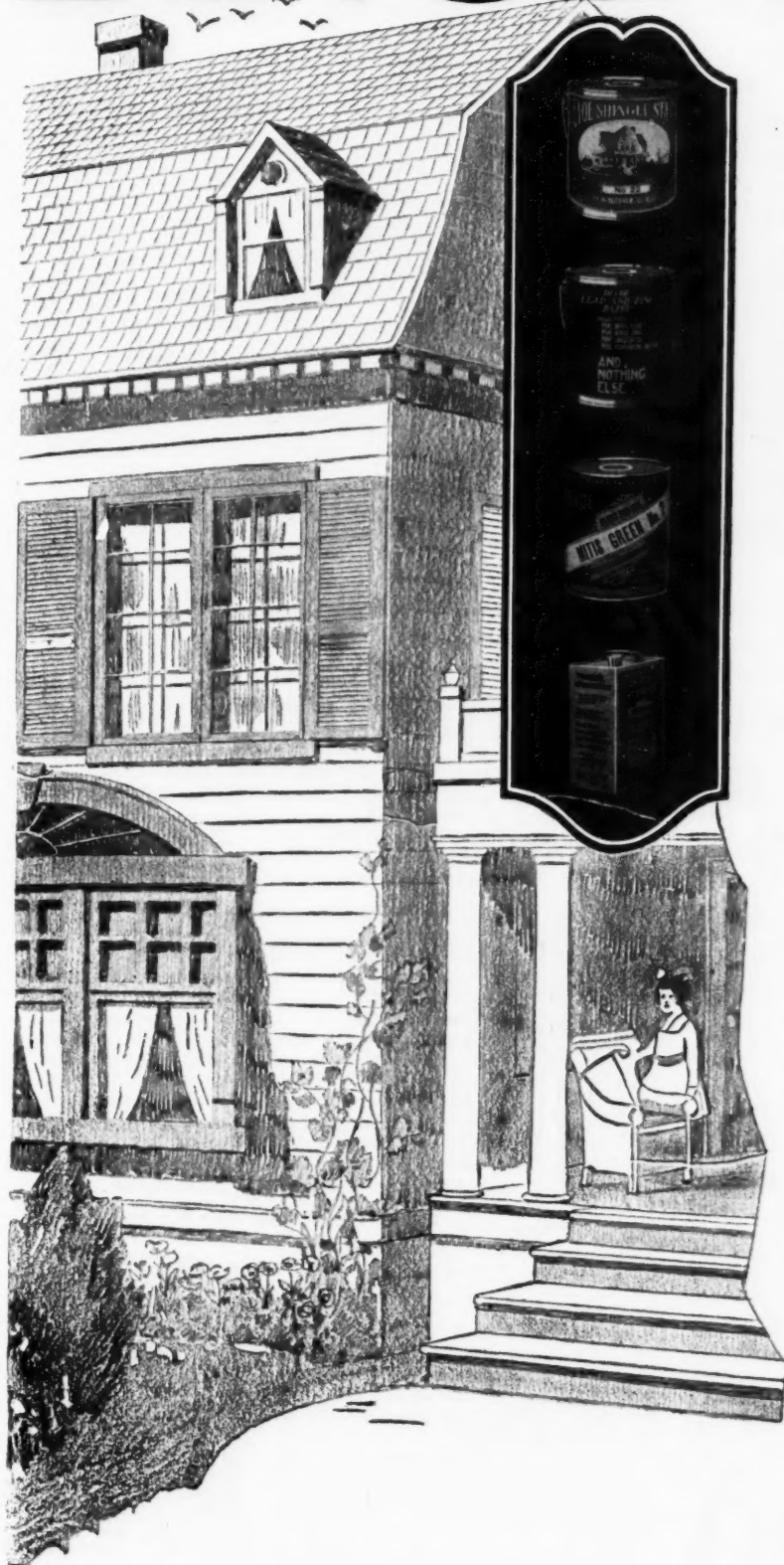
The hole in the tank should first be made large enough to admit a small bolt. Corks should then be placed over the leak—one inside and one outside the tank. Metal washers keep the bolt from cutting into the corks, and allow it to be tightened enough to press the cork down into the hole.

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"SAFETY First" is fast becoming a by-word for many of our large industries, and the writer thinks it will be a good thing if the carpenters and builders will take up this movement and push it, as it is a very good cause. With this idea in view, I am giving a few suggestions with the hope of reducing the number of accidents which occur every year in the building trades. Without a doubt these suggestions are very simple and the majority of them are familiar to you all, but as most of the accidents that occur are due to neglect of precautions of precisely this kind, it is exceedingly important to call attention to them and emphasize them.

Wooden Ladders

Accidents in connection with the use of ladders are extremely common. Wooden ladders should be made of good, sound material, straight grained and free from knots or other serious defects. The steps or rungs should preferably be made of split oak or ash shaved to shape and inserted in suitable holes in spruce side-



bars and fastened tightly enough to prevent them from sliding. Nailing the rungs to the side-bars is not good practice under ordinary circumstances, and broken or badly worn rungs should be immediately replaced. The top of a ladder should project at least 4 feet above the landing to which it leads, and it should be securely fastened by means of ropes, clamps, cleats or hooks. Never climb up or down on ropes or cables.

Workmen should not carry loads that will interfere with the free use of both hands for grasping the side-bars for ascending or descending ladders. It is much safer to handle such loads with a rope or with a block and tackle secured at some convenient point. Workmen should always descend a ladder with their faces turned toward a ladder and never away from it, and they should never slide down the side-bars. Carefully remove all projecting nails and splinters from the sides and rungs of your ladders.

If it becomes necessary to lash two ladders together to obtain the required reach or span, see that the upper ladder of the combination overlaps the lower one by at least 6

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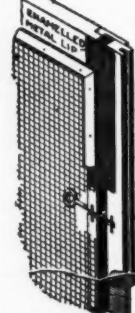
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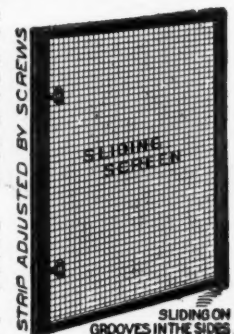
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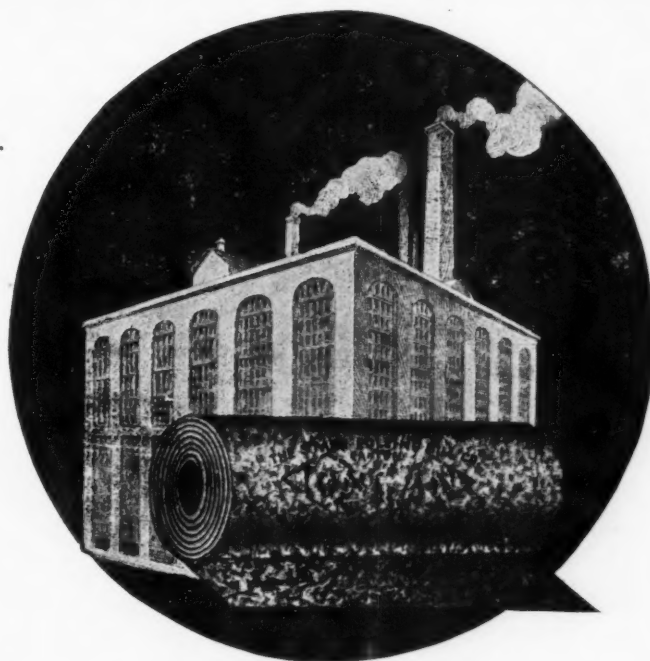
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feet. Then bind the two ends together in a substantial manner and brace the ladder effectively at the splice, after it has been erected.

Ladders have always been prolific sources of accidents and too much care cannot be given to the construction, placing and use of them. Repair all broken and rickety ladders immediately and thoroly; or else discard them as soon as their condition is known, and destroy them so that they cannot be used again. Be exceedingly cautious in using ladders that are coated with ice.

Every opening where a ladder passes thru a floor should be railed off on three sides, the fourth side being left open so that the workmen may climb in and out in safety. The railings must be substantially constructed and they should be about 40 inches high. A railing that is poorly



Ladder Accidents are Extremely Common.

built or insecurely supported is a menace, because it may inspire confidence and then give way when someone is leaning against it.

Inclined runways or plankways should likewise be railed wherever they are more than four or five feet in height, and if they are steeply inclined, cleats should be nailed to them to give a good foothold and prevent slipping. Sunken water barrels, deep ditches, wells, cellar ways, cisterns and all other similar openings should be railed off, so that no person can fall into them.

In laying plans for a temporary floor be particularly careful and see that they rest securely upon the supporting beams, and that no ends project over a beam unless securely fastened at the other end. Take precaution when moving the planks about to see that they do not fall on persons below.

All work done in elevated positions, such as shingling and painting is especially hazardous and should not be undertaken except by persons accustomed to this work and even then it is essential to take every

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The New Model KING Aerator

Means Better Looking Barns —More Business for You

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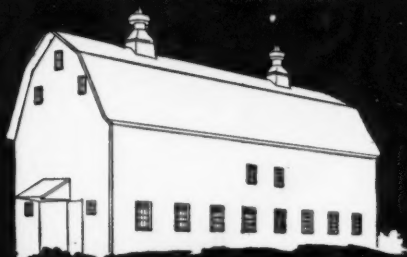
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possible precaution to avoid accident in connection with it. See that the ladders that are used are firmly placed and fastened, in position, and that every staging that is used is strong and substantial. The workmen should also wear a safety belt secured to the building by a strong rope.

Do not allow tools or other materials to remain on the roofs unless securely fastened, as otherwise they might become loose and injure persons by falling upon them.

Injuries that might be of small import in a town or city often lead to serious results on an isolated job, and we strongly advocate the adoption of first-aid outfits, but it is exceedingly important to realize that great harm can be done by the improper use of them. Attention to these suggestions will materially reduce the number of accidents on a job.

NOTE.—The writer is indebted to the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., for much of this information.



Buying Made Safe and Easy

How Advertising Saves and Protects the Buying Public

DOES the average person ever stop to think what a safe and easy thing buying has become in our day? What a contrast to the way it used to be within the memory of most of us!

This applies to all buying—of necessities, of luxuries, of everything.

Mr. John Sullivan, secretary of the Association of National Advertisers, in a recent interview, said some things on this subject which should interest every buyer in the world. For his words apply to the purchase of anything, from a 5-cent cake of soap up to the most expensive advertised article.

"Today," said Mr. Sullivan, "the housewife sends her little child to make purchases at the corner grocery. She sends her with perfect confidence that, even tho a child, she cannot err therein. All that the child needs is explicit instructions to buy *this* or *that*. In the case of all staple produce the price is known, the quality is known and the *name* is known. There is practically nothing about the goods that is unknown. And to be sure of getting exactly what you want, it is only necessary to name the goods.

"It is the same in other stores of nearly every kind.

"What a contrast to the days of our fathers, when practically all buying was a hazard—impossible for the child and risky even for the parents!

"In those so-called 'good old days,' soap was just soap, prunes were just prunes, coffee was coffee—and so on thru the long list of things that are used in every home.

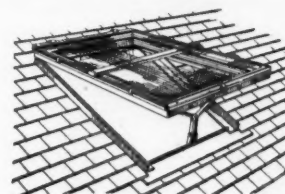
"In no case was there any guarantee of quality—or any sure way to identify goods that might have proved satisfactory so that the same goods could be bought again. The whole buying game was just a game—a game and a gamble; with all the odds against the buyer.

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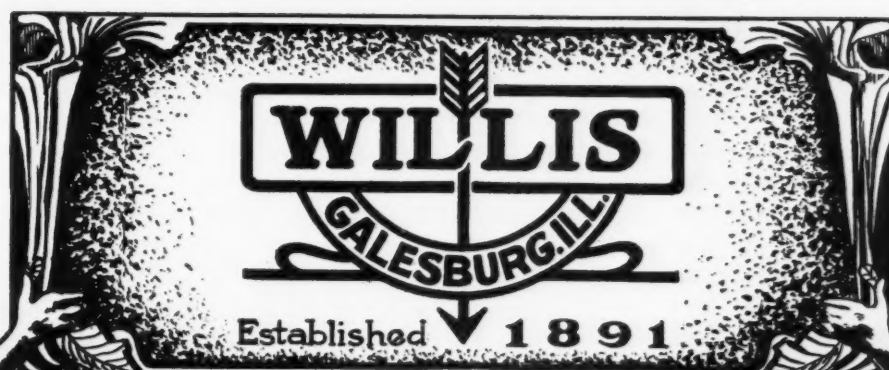
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"Then gradually, step by step, came the great change. The *trademark* began to appear—a positive means of identifying goods. And with the trademark came *advertising* on a national scale—the best, the surest, the cheapest, the only efficient way of making the merits of these goods known to buyers everywhere.

"Trademarked merchandise was soon found to be good merchandise—worthy of every buyer's confidence.

"In fact trademarked articles have got to be good. The trademark identifies them, advertising proclaims them, and use by thousands and millions make their qualities positively known. Only first-class merchandise can dare to court such a test. A well-known trademark is an asset of priceless value for a good article, but it would be sure death for a poor one, for in that case it would be not a guarantee but a *warning* to the buyer. It would help him to identify the bad as well as the good; to avoid the one and choose the other.

"The greatest achievement of modern advertising is that for the first time in the history of the world's merchandising it protects the buyer; it makes buying both easy and safe. The value of every trademark depends on the good will of the buyer, therefore, this trademark, which positively identifies the goods, for better or for worse, is the buyer's sure and certain guarantee."

Some Different Uses of Wall Board

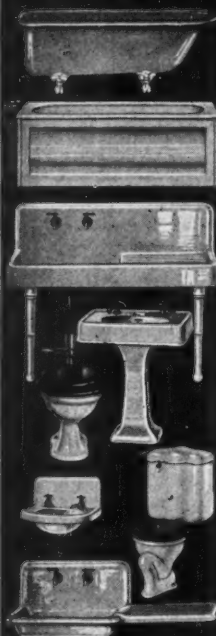
CARPENTERS and builders would do well to become acquainted with the many different uses of wall board. A knowledge of them may be the means of turning many a dull time into one of industry and profit. Those who already know of its wide adaptability find it one of the handiest of building materials for winter work.

Most builders are well aware that wall board is being used quite extensively for walls and ceilings of residences, commercial and other types of buildings; but it is improbable that many have heard or seen it used for the purpose to which it has been put, as shown in the accompanying photographic illustration. All the sign panels are panels of wall board. No special preparation or treatment of the board was necessary on account of its being used outside, insomuch as the present day wall board is so well sized in its manufacture that exposure to ordinary weather conditions does not affect it adversely. This does not imply, however, that it should not be painted, because it is just as necessary to do so when used in this capacity as it is when used in-doors.

In many towns and cities thruout the country conventions, expositions and the like, are held every year. These call for the decoration of the thorofares on a more or less elaborate scale. The illustration shows a band-stand erected for an industrial exposition. But

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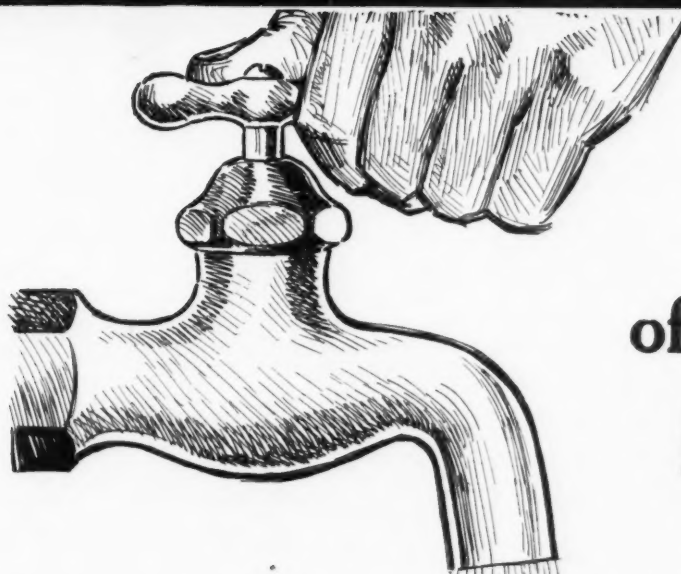
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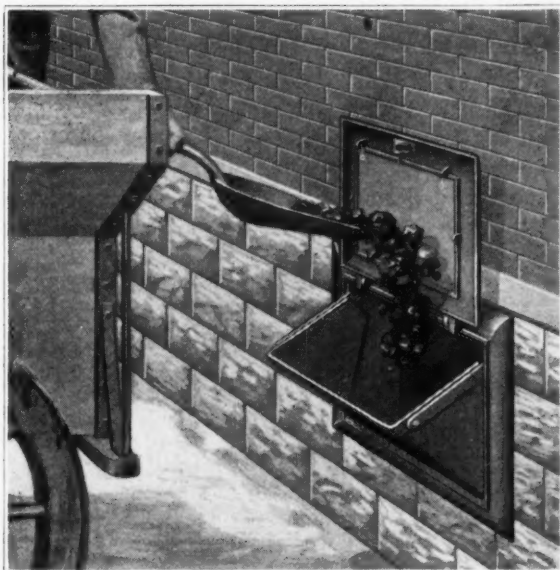
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It should not be left open any longer than is necessary since it cools the furnace as stated above. The fire should be checked by opening the check damper in the smoke pipe or by closing the ash pit damper or both and not by opening the furnace door or damper in the door. The check damper and the ash pit damper ought not to be wide open at the same time.

The furnace should be shaken regularly night and morning in cold weather. In mild weather shaking once a day may be sufficient. In this case, shake in the morning. Too much or too vigorous shaking causes unburned coal to drop thru into the ash pit. Sometimes, if the grates are too coarse, unburned coal will come thru even without shaking. The only way to get this coal out is to sift the ashes. The top of the fire should be kept level with the bottom of the firing

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Majestic Coal Chutes

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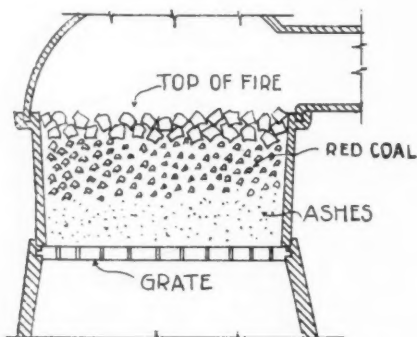
In the saving of fuel, the new MAJESTIC Hot-Blast Heating System is wonderfully efficient. It is built on different principles—and has proved itself the only successful fuel-saving heating system of its kind.



Installation, Care and Operation of House Furnace

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door, or nearly so at all times. In cold weather the depth of ashes beneath the fire should be less than in warm weather. In other words, the thickness of fire should be varied with the weather not by raising and lowering the top of the fire, but by raising and lowering the bottom.

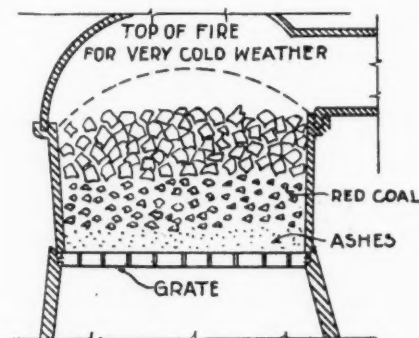


Mild Weather Fire with Deep Bed of Ashes.

The ashes should be removed daily and not allowed to accumulate under the grates as they will choke the draft and may cause the grates to overheat and burn out.

In fixing the fire for the night, the fresh charge should be placed on the fuel bed and allowed to burn up with drafts open for a short time (not too long) then the check damper should be opened and the ash pit damper closed for the night. In this way, the gas

is burned off and its heat utilized. It would be lost if the furnace was closed at once after firing. In order to handle a fire in this way, the furnace must be tight. A furnace with loose fitting doors and dampers will admit so much air that the fire cannot be effectually checked, after once being started. Sometimes it is possible and desirable in mild weather to bank or cover the fire with ashes to keep it over night. With



Cold Weather Fire with Shallow Bed of Ashes.

some coals, this causes excessive clinkering. If any considerable amount of coal or coke drops thru the grates, this may be consumed by using the ashes for banking. It must be remembered, however, that any excessive amount of ashes in the firepot, especially around the edges of the fire, lessens the efficiency of combustion, causing loss rather than gain economy. Ashes will not burn and any attempt to burn them with

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ALWAYS THE "BEST"



Standard Socket

"Best" Stud Socket

is a cast iron socket with one side and one end open so that the studdings are easily and quickly fitted without cutting. The "Standard" size is adapted for studding up to 8 in. wide. A "Special" for larger size—also for corners and end. Ask for circular.

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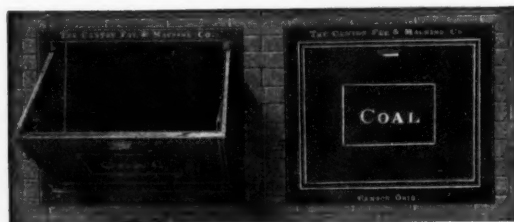
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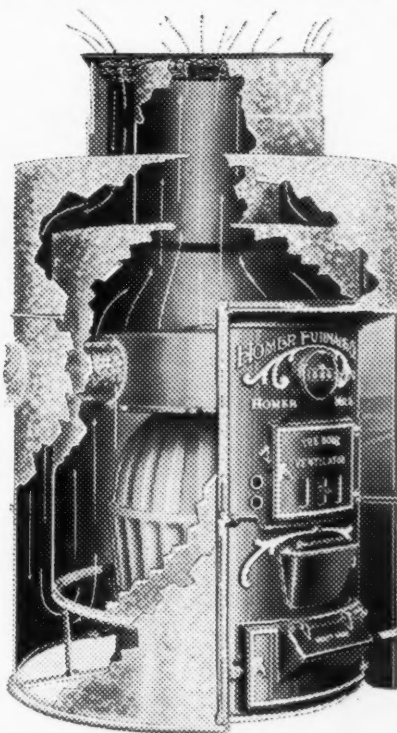
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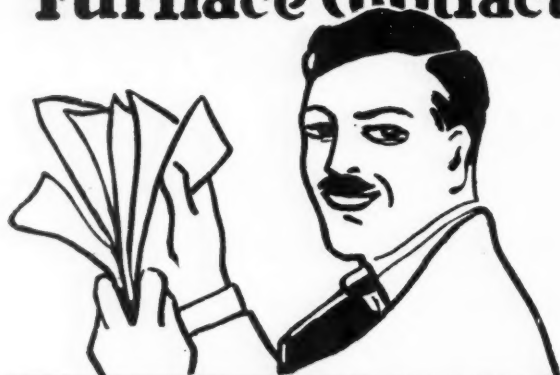
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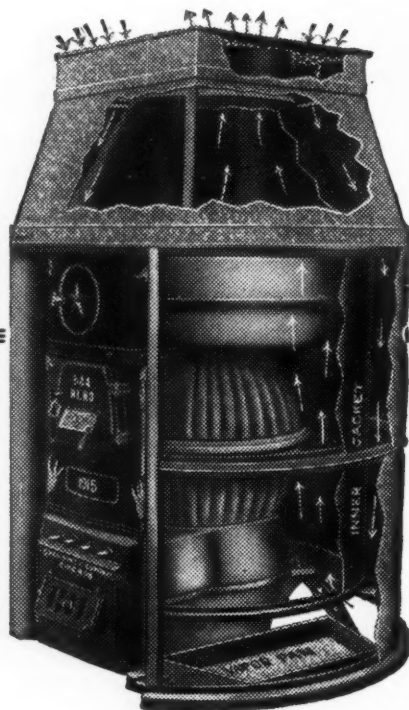


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or without patent compounds will be unsuccessful. These directions for firing apply to soft coal, not to hard coal and coke. Hard coal can be spread over the entire fuel bed, as there is a very small amount of gas to come off. It is a good plan, however, especially when burning small sizes of hard coal to leave a small area of the fuel bed uncovered when firing a fresh charge. A hard coal or coke fire should never be poked from the top. In burning coke the fire should be deep, the firepot kept full, and the furnace closed as much as possible.

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Learning to Sell Electric Light Plants

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in one day and said: "Sam, we may have missed a pretty big point in fixing up that electric light plant."

"How's that?" I said. "She's working all right isn't she?"

"Sure," said the judge. "But we could have saved a lot of money if we had known more about the game. Sam, I have just found out that it doesn't matter very much what kind of power you use to run that dynamo nor when you use it."

"That's so, I expect," said I. "What's the answer?"

"Well, we could just as well have rigged things to run the dynamo with the steam engine I use to run my sawmill with. It seems you don't have to put the plant down in the cellar, if you don't want to. And you don't even have to have it close by. You have to use a higher voltage if you go beyond a certain distance unless you want to spend money for bigger wire. But this higher voltage, 110 instead of the 32 we used, is a good thing in another way, as it is easy to get fans, and the like, for 110-volt current. We could have used this higher voltage if the mill is really too far away for the 32. But I'm not sure that it is too far off. But, don't you worry about it, Sam. What's done is done. Only, we'll know better next time."

It was like the judge to take it good naturedly; but I wasn't satisfied with myself. Of course, a builder isn't necessarily an electrical engineer. At the same time, he ought to know the points of the game, if he is going to sell to or advise his customers. And with this electric light game you can't tell your customer that it's a bully good thing and everybody's doing it and let it go at that. He will want to have some idea of cost. And to tell him that, you will have to know quite a few little things.

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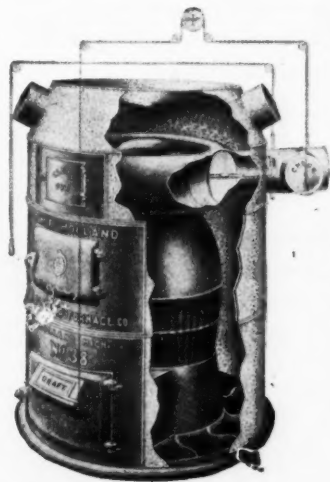
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Possibilities of the Steel Square

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Passing on to Fig. 3, is shown the plumb and seat cut of the corresponding hip rafter as at F and G, respectively. The figure on the tongue is obtained by taking the diagonal length of the run of the common rafter, which in this case is $16\frac{1}{4}$ inches. This figure and the length of the hip gives the top cut of the hip to fit against the ridge piece. Note: This is for the unbacked hip. If the hip is backed before this cut is made, then the same proportions as used for the top cut of the jack as described in Fig. 2 applied to the backing plane will give the proper cut.

Now let us return to Fig. 1 again. The proportions $11\frac{1}{2}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$, not only give the plumb and seat cuts of the common rafter but also give the cuts of the siding boards, for either vertical or horizontal boards to fit in the gable as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, respectively, the blade giving the cut in the former and the tongue in the latter.

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tions to those who wish to take care of gardens. A garden properly cultivated is a very beneficial thing, but a lot of land which is allowed to become the dumping-ground of dirt and refuse is of no benefit to anybody, but rather the reverse.

In city developments it will probably be found best to give very little land to the tenant, but to use the

land that otherwise would have been allowed him in the maintenance of parks and playgrounds for children and allotments for gardening.

Until quite recently small house construction has been entirely in the hands of the local builder, operating on a small scale. During the past year, however, several large contracting organizations have taken up this class of work, so that the manufacturer can now get the same kind of service in his construction as he has been accustomed to get in his plan construction contracts. A good deal of economy is always gained when a large number of houses are built at one time by one contractor. The money saved by purchasing direct from manufacturing firms in carload lots rather than in teamloads from a local dealer, the continuous employment of large gangs of men, the taking of cash discounts and other economies practiced by big contracting organizations, are quite a help in reducing costs.

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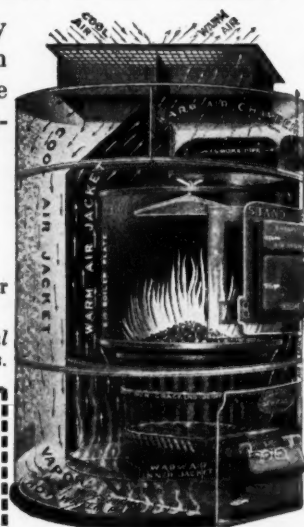
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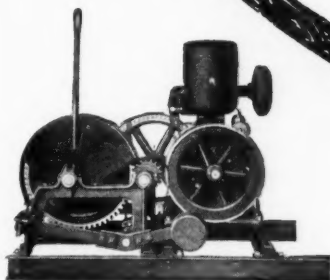
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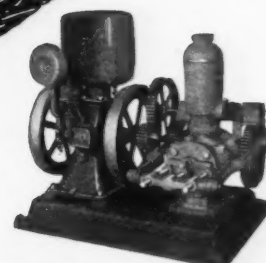
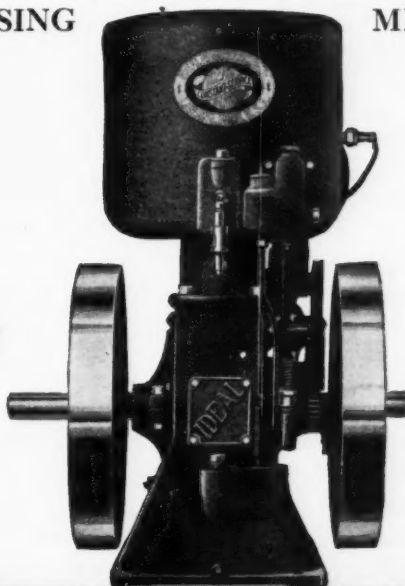
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to whether the houses are to be sold to the working men or rented them. No general answer can be given to this question, but a brief statement of the pros and cons can here be given.

If the houses are sold to the workmen, there is the objection that if the workmen are fired or leave of their own accord they still retain the house, tho it is wanted for other workmen; also that if they can sell at a profit, the increment in value which has been put into the house by the presence of the plant goes to the workman, who has not earned it. On the other hand, the workman buying his own home and paying for it by installments has to make himself a steady and efficient worker in order to keep up his payments. There are usually more applications to purchase than there are houses to sell. Therefore the purchasers can be selected from those that are the most likely to remain with the company. The difficulty of firing men is not a pressing one, as the manufacturer's problem today is rather how to hold his men than how to fire them. The employment manager is being kept busy finding new places for men who do not fit in one corner of the plant rather than let them be fired in the old way.

Where houses are rented the owner has more control over them, and can evict tenants who leave his employ. He has, however, the difficulty in strike times of taking care of his property, which otherwise would not concern him.

Labor leaders object to the immobility of labor caused by men owning their homes.

The tendency seems to be today towards the selling of the houses, and several interesting purchase schemes have been evolved by manufacturers.

The Norton Company at Worcester, Mass., have organized a housing company called the Indian Hill Company. Their system of selling is as follows:

The Indian Hill Company require from the purchaser an initial payment of 10 per cent of the purchase price, whereupon a conveyance of the property is made. For the remainder of the purchase price the purchaser gives two notes, one for \$1,000 payable in twelve years at 5 per cent, and another for the balance of the purchase price payable on demand with interest at 5 per cent, both notes being secured by a purchase money mortgage.

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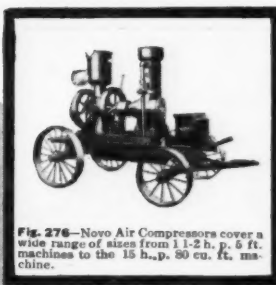


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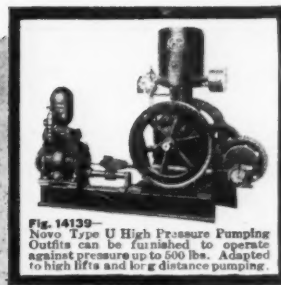


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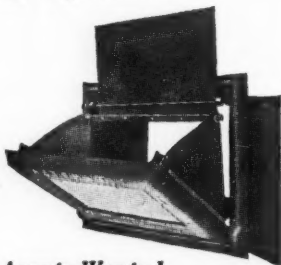
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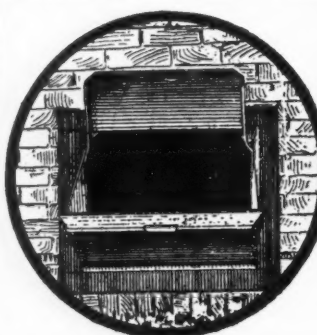
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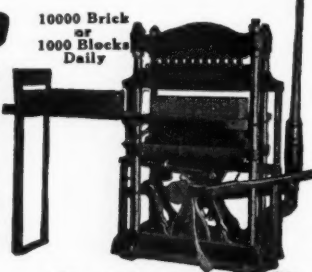
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Borrowed on mortgage, the balance.....	3,466.35
Amount due in twelve years, secured by time note....	1,000.00
The balance secured by demand note.....	2,466.35
Monthly interest during first twelve years.....	14.45
Monthly payment to co-operative bank.....	5.00
Total monthly payments during first twelve years....	19.45
Monthly interest payment after twelve years.....	10.30
Total loan	\$3,466.35
Five per cent.....	173.32
1/12 monthly	14.45
Five per cent.....	123.32
1/12 monthly	10.30

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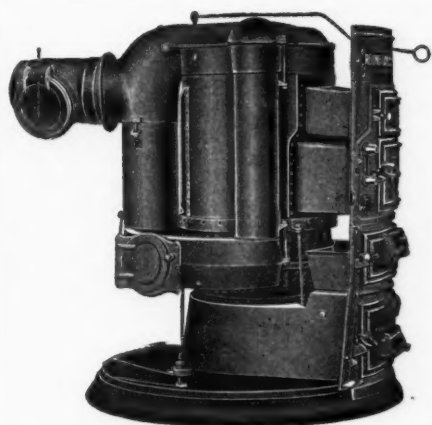
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It is generally found that the workmen are willing to purchase quite high priced houses if the way is made easy for them by one of the methods outlined above.

It is advisable to retain an option on the property where it is sold to the workmen, providing for the purchase of the house by the company if the workman wishes to leave, some method being set up for the valuation of depreciation, etc. It seems only fair that any unearned increment should pass to the company and not be retained by the workman, as otherwise he is encouraged to speculate in real estate to the disadvantage of the factory owner.

It is very necessary that proper restrictions be placed on the use of the property and the construction of poultry houses, stables, garages, etc.

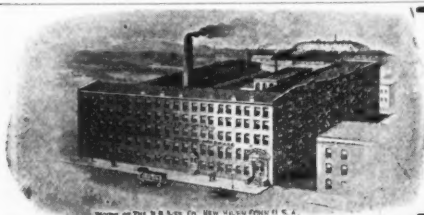
After a man has been working hard for twelve years

or more to pay off the cost of his home, it is likely that he will have gained habits of industry and thrift which will stay with him, and the man will become a permanent asset to the plant. While he has been paying for his house the tie between him and the plant has been one that he has not resented or felt that the owner is to blame for. Many owners have come to think that the system of selling houses is proving to be the best method of securing a contented body of employees around the plant.

It will always be found that very many of the employees, however, are not inclined to purchase, either because they are less thrifty or because, for one reason or another, the ownership of house property does not appeal to them, and houses for rent must be provided for them.

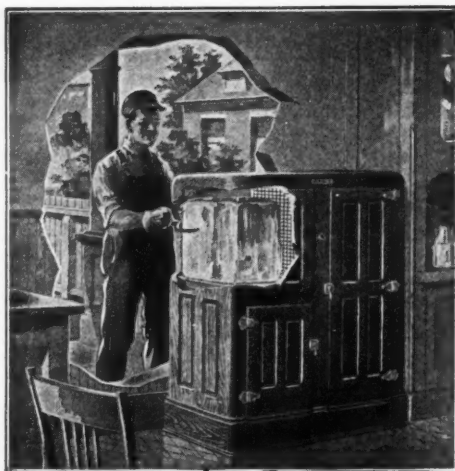
Some real estate companies operating on a large scale have adopted a rebate system by which if the tenant keeps his house in good repair and pays his rent promptly for eleven months he is not required to pay the twelfth month's rent. If at the end of eleven months any interior repairs are required, or if payments for repairs have been made by the company during this period, the tenant pays for these repairs out of his rebate, and whatever balance remains out of his month's rent is remitted, but if the cost of the repairs exceeds the month's rent the difference is paid by the owner. This is, of course, an inducement to the

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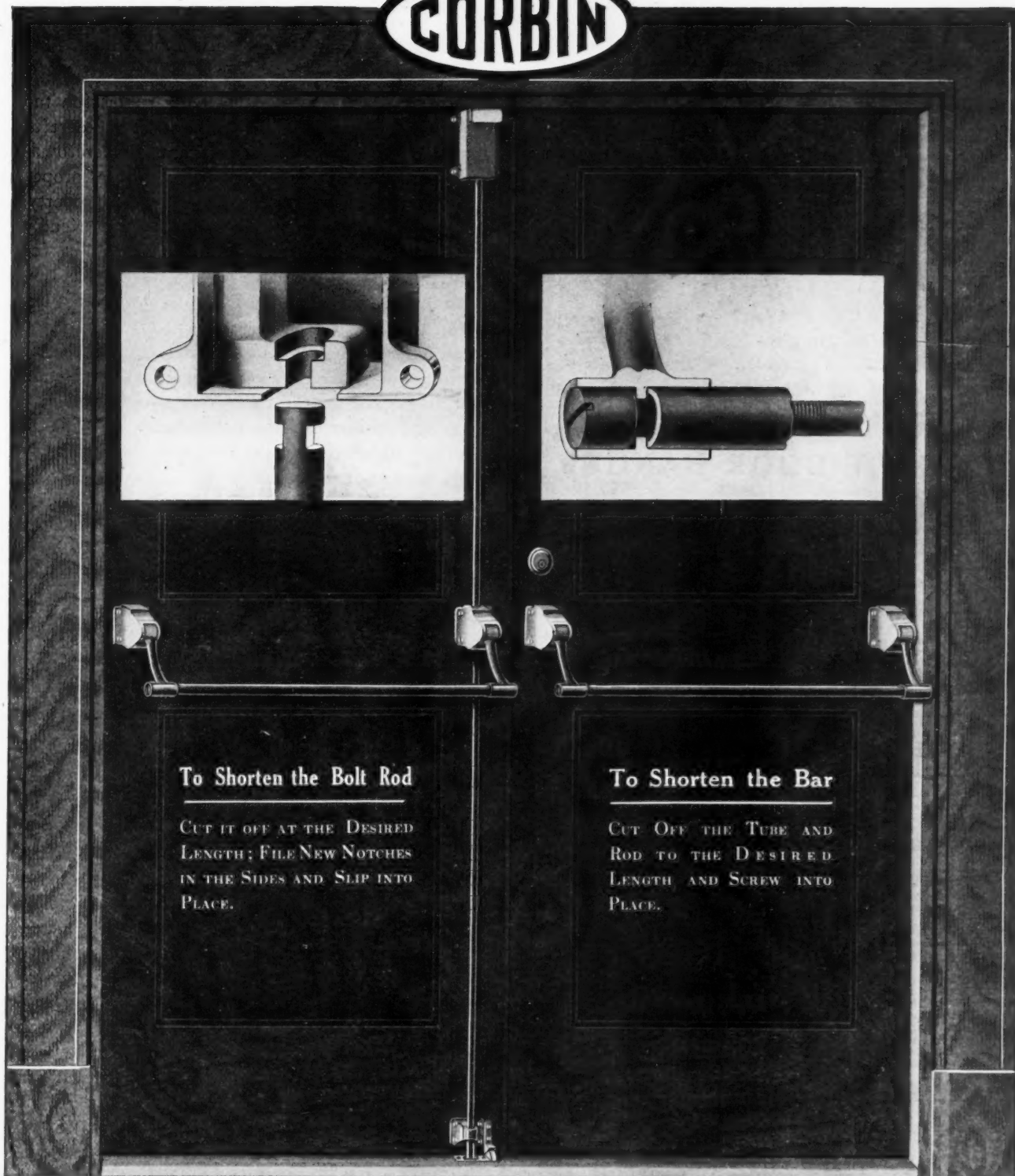
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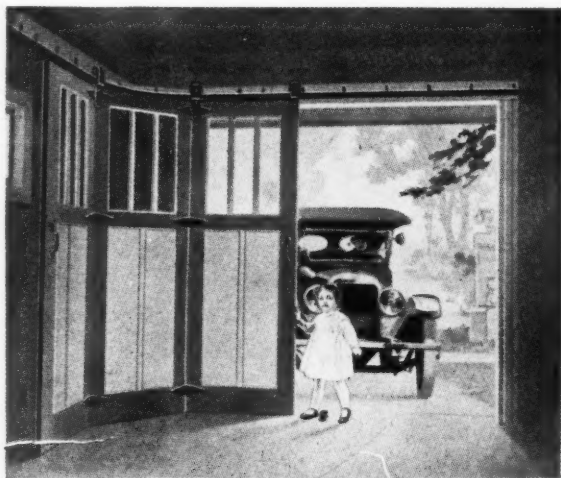
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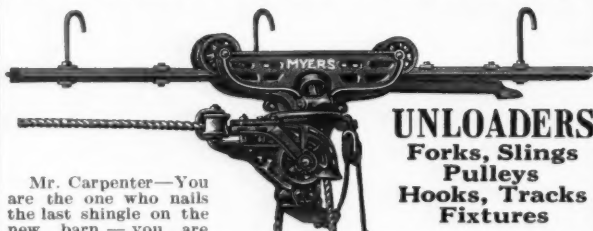
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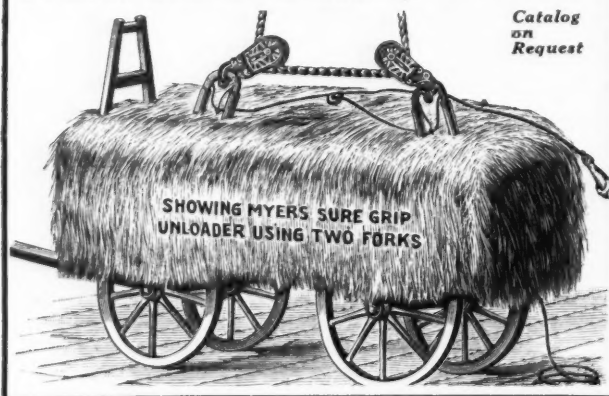


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Industrial Housing Problems

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tenant to take care of his property and not vacate a place when the period for rebate is approaching.

Supervision

If a housing project is to be really successful, too much emphasis cannot be laid on the strict and careful supervision and education of the tenants. Overcrowding and the lodger evil must be prevented by proper restrictions in the leasing or selling of the property, and a welfare worker or district nurse or friendly rent collector should make periodical inspections for the purpose of seeing that the premises are being kept clean and that the tenants are living decently. It is not essential that this worker be engaged directly by the owner of the houses. In many cases it is far better if the local municipal league or other local organization can be subsidized to take care of these activities.

A welfare worker can often accomplish a great deal in the way of educating the foreigner along sanitary and decent housekeeping lines.

An interesting experiment which is about to be tried is the establishment of a "probationer's" block on the outskirts of a new industrial town. To this block are admitted tenants of the negro or foreign birth, and their housekeeping is supervised by a resident superintendent. They are taught American cooking, laundry work, etc., in a welfare building, and when they have proved themselves to be good tenants and agreeable neighbors they are permitted to occupy houses in other parts of the town. This experiment will be watched with a good deal of interest.

Conclusion

In these articles the writer has endeavored to touch upon the many problems that are still being studied by those who have the welfare of the workmen and the manufacturer at heart. It cannot be stated that any of these problems have yet been finally and satisfactorily solved. All that it is hoped to accomplish in this article is to set forth clearly the main problems in a desire to assist the manufacturer starting a housing venture to form a correct judgment for himself.

If improperly conceived and executed such work can only cause disappointment and regret to those who have invested their money in it, but if carried out properly and thoroughly good housing is one of the finest aids in cementing the good relations of the employer and the employed and of making good citizens and good Americans out of the splendid raw material that is continually being poured into the "melting pot." Present conditions are a disgrace to our country. It is not necessary to apportion blame for this. It is enough if we realize the fact that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as by want of heart" and unite to remedy the conditions.

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State Starts Experiment in Low Cost Houses

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workers, now so prevalent thruout the Commonwealth. When circumstances warrant, possession of the house will be given immediately to the intended purchaser and title will be granted when 20 per cent of the total cost of the house is paid. As the estimated cost of each house will be about \$2,000, it is figured on monthly deposits of \$15, entire payments will be made in twenty-eight years.

A topographical survey of the Lowell tracts already under way and the erection of the houses will commence in a few weeks. This year, Massachusetts, carrying a heavy war budget, gave heed to the recommendation of the commission and appropriated \$50,000 to help secure homesteads for its poorer citizens.

Co-operation in this plan has been offered by the Lowell co-operative banks. These banks are willing to take over a mortgage on any of the houses when 20 per cent of the cost of the house has been paid. Such aid will allow a large portion of the money to return to the state treasury, which may be used in further advancing the project.

An investigation has revealed a lively and widespread demand for houses such as have been described and it is possible that the homes soon to be erected in Lowell will be sold before completion, at least a large number will. If this proves to be the case, funds received upon completion of the first buildings may be

re-invested in a second enterprise.

Altho an experiment of this nature is the first to be tried by any government in this country, it has been carried out with wonderful success in all the large countries of Europe for the past twenty-five years.

The members of the Homestead Commission who have worked so diligently for the success of this enterprise are: Charles F. Gettemy, chairman; Henry Sterling, secretary; Augustus Thorndike, Kenyon L. Butterfield, George C. Whipple, Warren Duram Foster, Mrs. Eva W. White, Cornelius A. Parker and Arthur C. Comey. In explaining the purpose of the Lowell project, Mr. Sterling of the commission says:

"The desire of the Legislature and the purpose of the Homestead Commission is first, to make an attempt to meet the needs of the low-paid workers, rather than those who receive high wages. The commission has studied the conditions and situation of male adults, of whom there were 285,000 in 1915 in this Commonwealth receiving \$14 per week or less. All of these persons are or ought to be the heads of families. The utmost they can afford to pay is \$15 per month. This sum on a 9 per cent basis would pay for a \$2,000 home in a little more than sixteen years. Whether it is possible to provide such a home, with garden, for \$2,000, or near that sum is the problem which the Homestead Commission, by its experiment in Lowell is seeking to solve.—*Boston American*.

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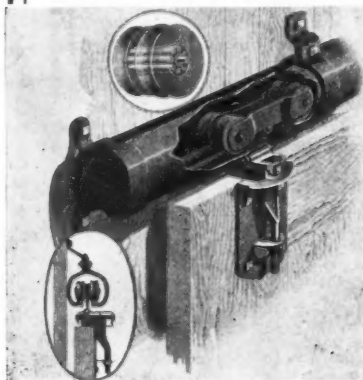
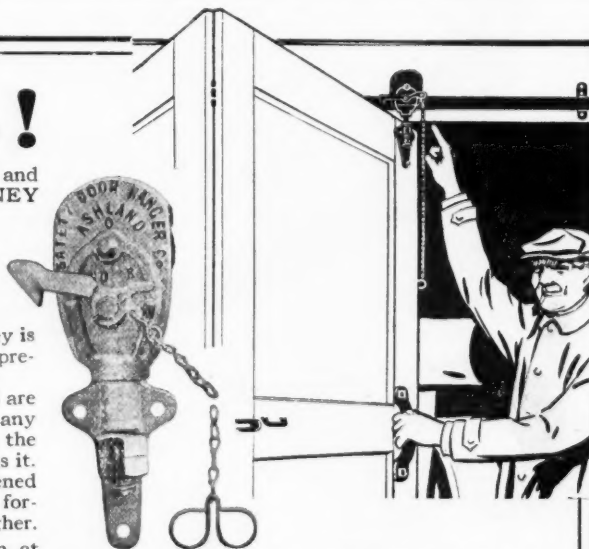
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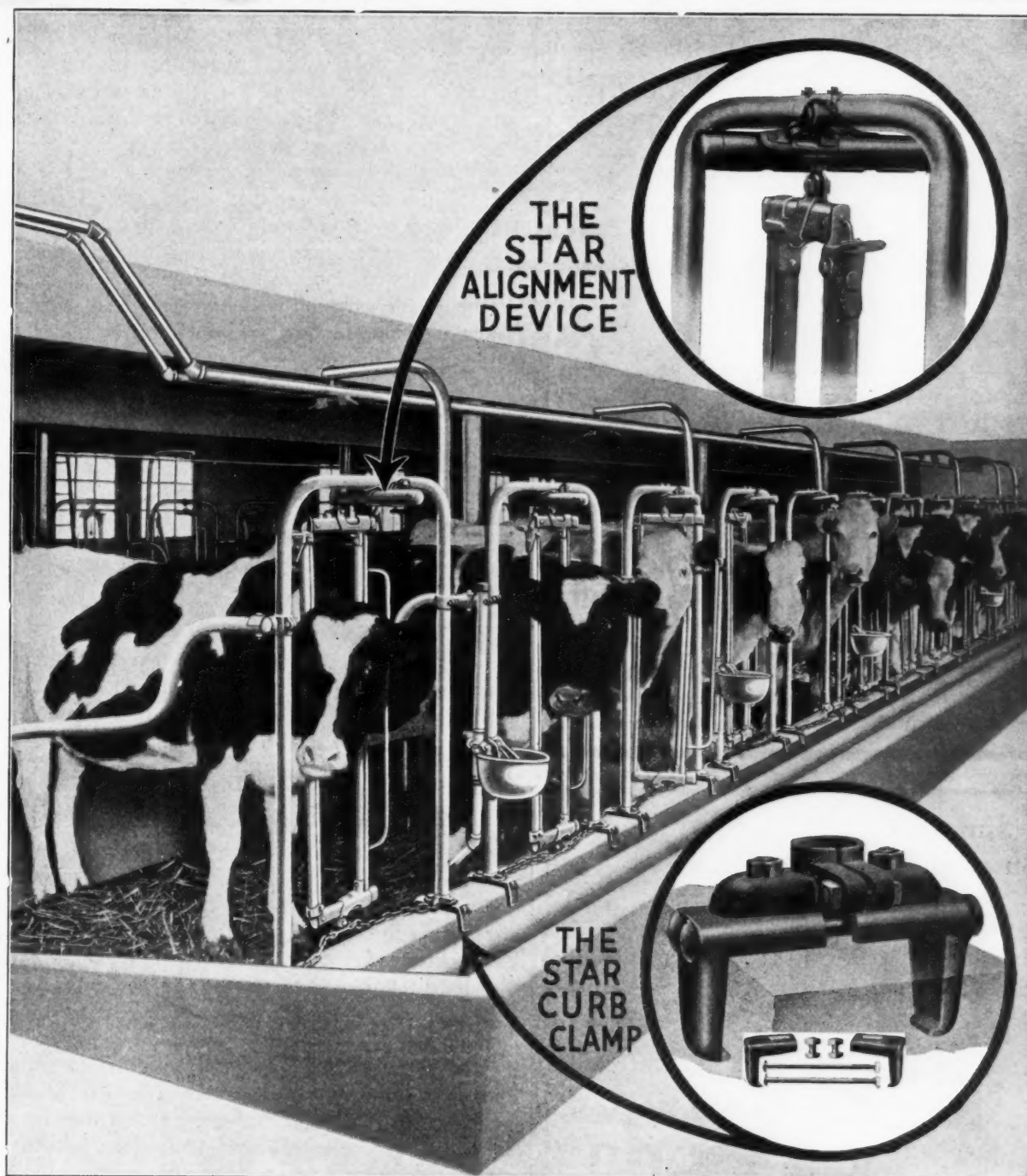
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More Fire Stopping Frame Construction

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are used. A doorway thus treated has advantages, in that it allows two sides of the wall or partition to be free from doors, which occupy a certain amount of room when swung on hinges. The pockets for such doors have been notorious, however, for being fire traps. In Fig. 2 we see that the block on which the track hangs over the head of the door fills the entire space between the studs, and the sides of the pocket are made tight with asbestos board lining. The bottom of the double partition is further protected from fire below the floor by two horizontal plates under the studs parallel to the door, tightly fitted between the boards of the under flooring. The method of protecting the end of the pocket with a stud and asbestos or plaster board is shown in Fig. 4.

Several materials are suitable for fire-stopping. Anything that is incombustible will do, but substances which are the poorest conductors of heat are the best. Brickwork, stone and cinder concrete or gypsum blocks may be used where they can be most conveniently set in place. Metal lath and plaster is useful for wall, ceiling or partition covering, as are plaster board and asbestos sheets. Mineral wool, when packed into a space, will form a united mass that will not fall out thru holes that might exist in the woodwork supporting it.



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and walls. The first thing to be done is to start with the uppermost rooms and clean all walls, doors, casings, trim and floors very carefully and thoroly, closing and locking each room as it is cleaned. This procedure should be followed down to the basement and all material swept up should be carefully taken out of the building.

The floors should now be covered, at least along the main lines of travel, with the red rosin sized building paper in order that cement dust may not be tracked up from the basement, where all mixing, etc., should be done. If fine, hardwood floors are installed thruout, the men should wear old rubbers, or have rubber heels on their shoes; otherwise the owner will look askance at the numerous pock marks in his flooring and in all probabilities will hold out on some of the final payment if the floors are not resurfaced and refinished.

The woodwork and standing trim should first be stained, shellaced and filled. The former should be a water or oil stain. Avoid spirit stains, because they are exceedingly difficult to apply free from laps and "holidays" and are not permanent to light. The shellac coat may be either orange or white, depending upon

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whether or not the work is dark or light. Shellac should be reduced one-half with denatured alcohol; do not use wood alcohol if you wish to avoid the possibility of blindness resulting from the exposure to fumes in a closed room. Never apply shellac as an undercoat in full body; it is merely a sizing coat for the wood and will prevent much cloudiness from improper sanding when the filler is applied. Let the shellac coat dry at least three hours; more if the rooms are cold. Prepare the filler, being sure to use one prepared from a silex base and not from cornstarch or flour, which will shrink and fade when the oil has been absorbed by the wood. It should be of the consistency of skimmed milk and brushed on *across the grain*; let set enough to lose the turpentine gloss; then cleaned off *across the grain* with squares of burlap. Never use excelsior, shavings or other coarse material, which invariably scratches the work. Let all filler be cleaned out from moulding and corners with a hardwood stick sharpened to a slender pencil point on one end and a skew chisel on the other. The filler should be allowed forty-eight hours to harden clear down to the base of the pores; otherwise the first varnish coat will be badly pitted where the filler in the pores has absorbed the finish.

The varnish used should be tested out before the contract is started. Apply a coat to a sheet of glass

at ordinary room temperature (70°F.) and stand the piece on edge. Note the time required to set; freedom from tears and sags; time required to dry dust free. When dry three days test the toughness with the finger-nail and point of a knife. If the varnish is hard, resistant to abrasion and when scratched with a knife point rolls up ahead of the knife in a compact curl, leaving no fractured or ragged edges behind the blade, then the material is good, provided further that it does not cloud up when one-half portion of the plate is immersed in water for several days or longer and compared with the portion not treated. A strip of tin, which has been carefully cleaned with benzine, then soap and water to remove the grease, should also be varnished at the same time as the glass. When dried three days, much longer if time permits, twist the tin and roll is quickly between the hands. Note freedom from cracks and flaking. Avoid a varnish which will not remain practically unchanged under the test, provided it has dried quickly and sets free from dust in a short time.

After the varnish has dried three days or longer, it should be sanded free from nibs with 00 or 0000 sandpaper. The trim should be carefully dusted; better still, sponged with clear water and dried with a chamois. The floors should receive the same treatment. If this method is followed and the rooms kept closed, an enormous amount of sanding will be saved

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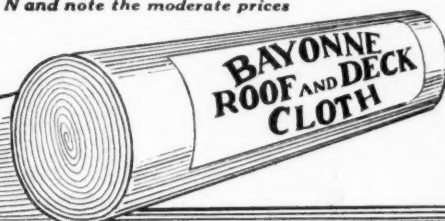
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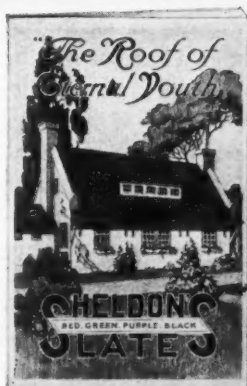
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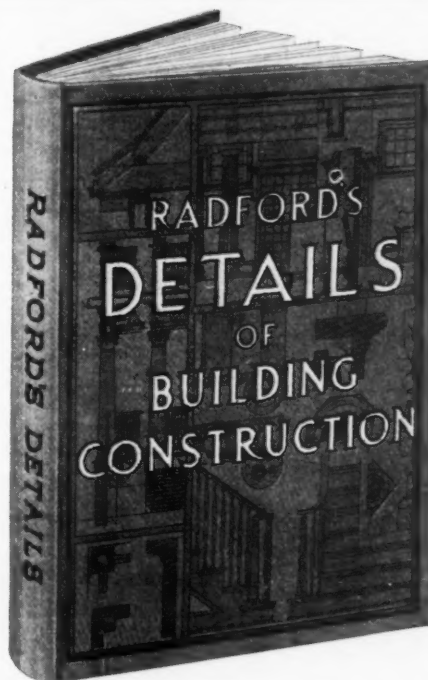
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Never rub any undercoats with oil, since it is next to impossible to clean it off. Varnish will not adhere to a greasy surface. Very little is saved by rubbing the last coat in oil, since it causes the pumice stone to cut too slowly and often softens the varnish so that it sweats, whereupon this portion must be left to re-

harden. The best procedure is to carefully rub in water and then clean up with good oil polish after sponging off and drying slightly with a chamois.

All woodwork should be finished, except for the last sponging off and polishing, before the walls are touched, either for painting, enameling or papering. This applies especially to the doors, which should be stained, shellaced, filled and given one coat of finish immediately after hanging to prevent subsequent swelling when not protected from the conditions of moisture resulting from the preparations of the walls. The same consideration should govern the treatment of the floors for the first coat of finish in order that they may not swell and subsequently open up after the house is heated.

Much care must be exercised thruout in order that the work may proceed smoothly and not cause trouble, because some part may be influenced by some other portion thru not having been undertaken in the proper order. Cleanliness and freedom from dust are absolutely essential to really good work and will save much excessive sandpapering or rubbing if carefully observed. Clean brushes, carefully put away in the proper liquids at night so that they do not rest on their own bristles, will do much to make for a successful job, so that with the woodwork nicely finished, the treatment of the walls may be next considered.



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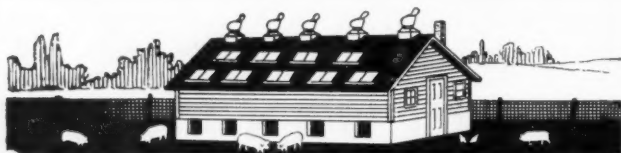
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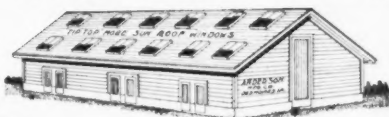
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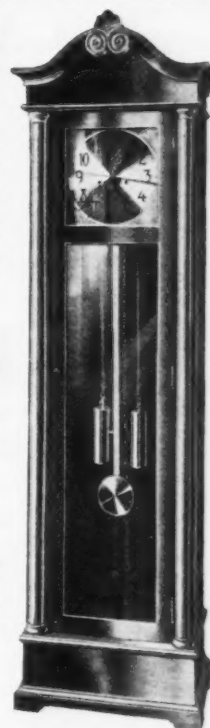
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Back Yard Poultry Campaign

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How to Lay Out a Spiral Stairway

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to equal the number across the plan.

The twisting bevels are shown at each end applied parallel with the joint and in a reverse direction, the one at C' towards the inside, and at E the outside, the blade in each case passing thru the center of the plank, which also is shown in the figure to be the center of the rail.

Because this face mould is for a rail over a section covering five winders and that the remaining two sections covers the same number, it follows that it will be the face mould for the other two also. But owing to the top sections having to be connected either with a newel post or a landing rail, few inches of shank must be added to its length, as shown from I to E at the top of Fig. 66, which is a plan and elevation figure of the top section. If connected to a landing rail, it is here shown that the latter will have to be ramped and the wreath rail made to extend to the joint at E.

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In this lesson we decided upon but four, just the number necessary for one revolution. If it had been more, it would mean only to get out more rail sections cut out to the form of the same face mould shown in Fig. 65.

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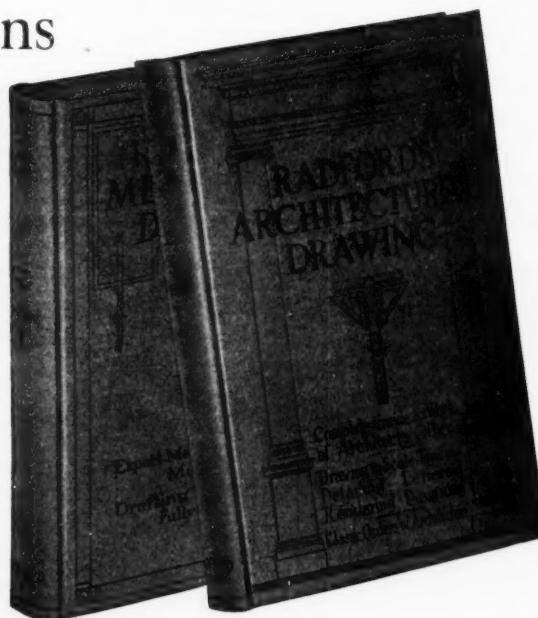
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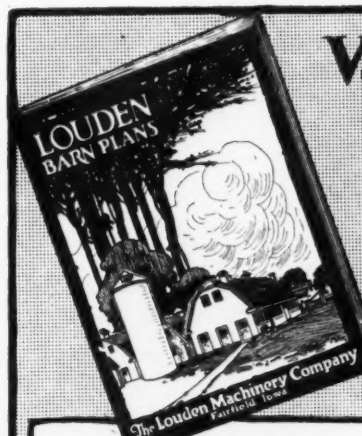
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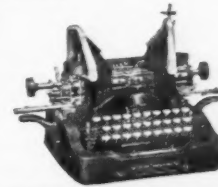
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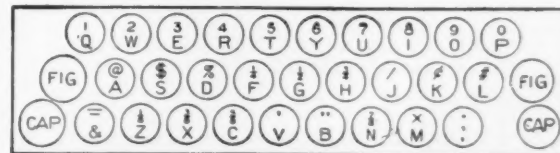


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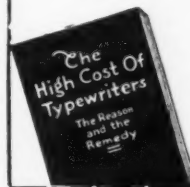
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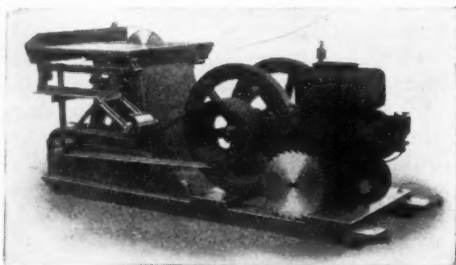
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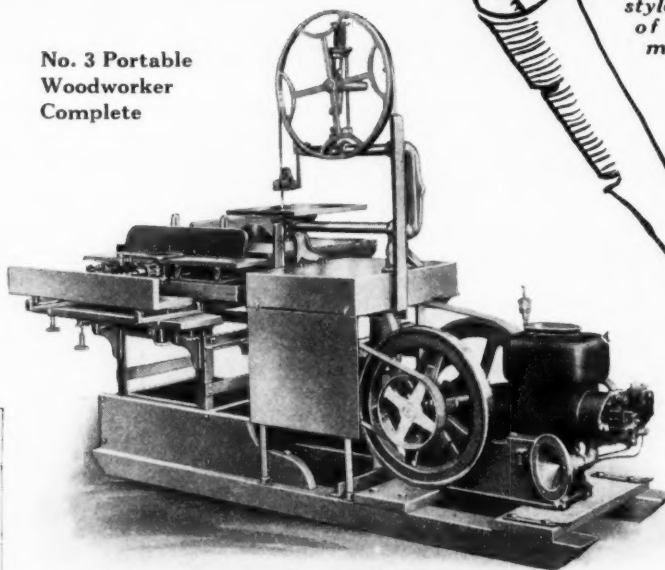
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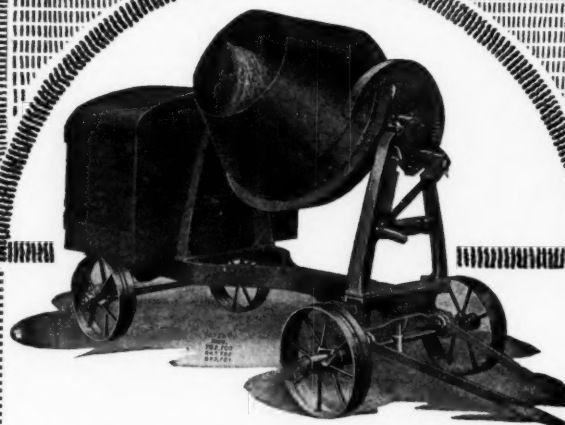


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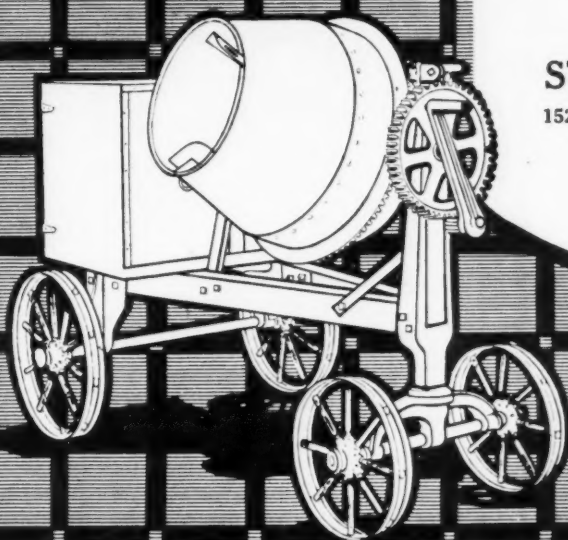
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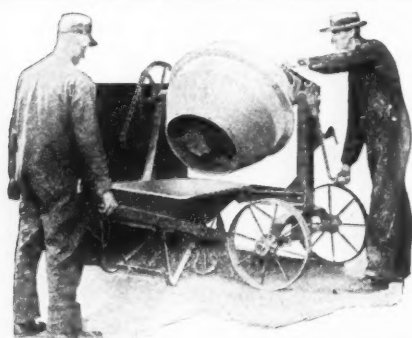
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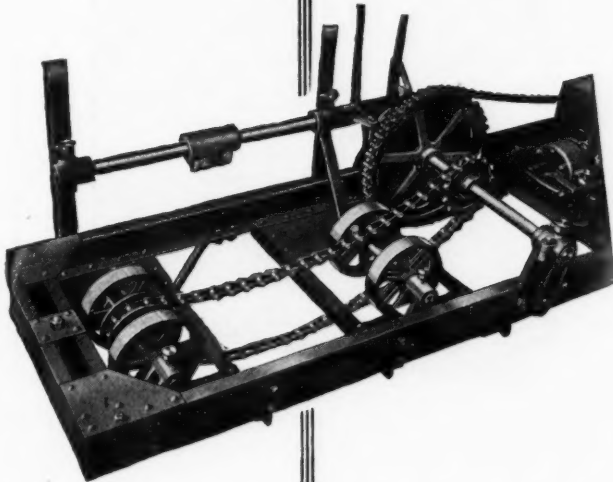
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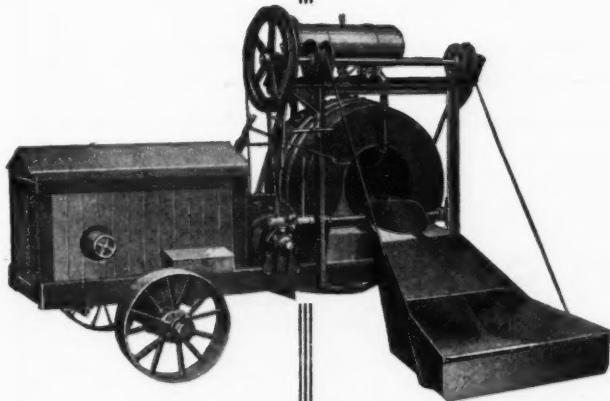


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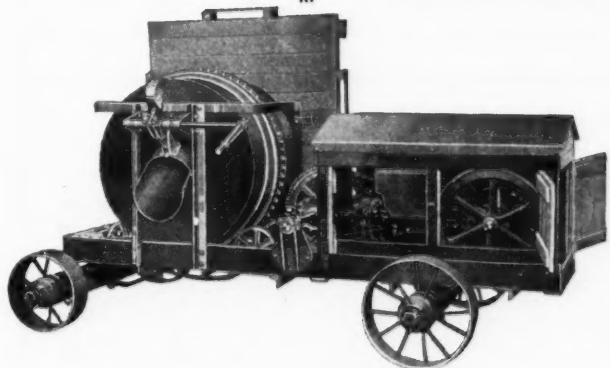
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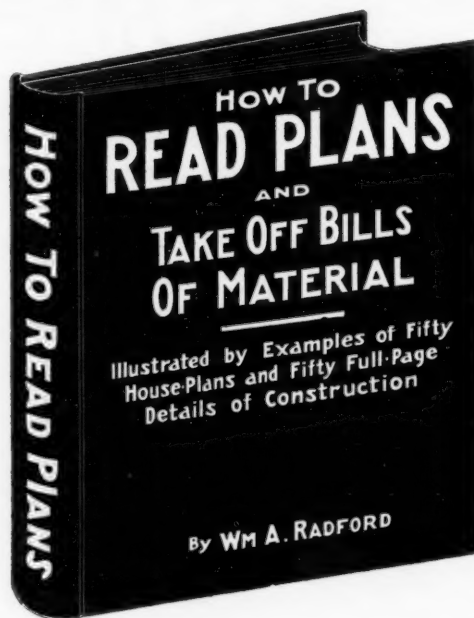
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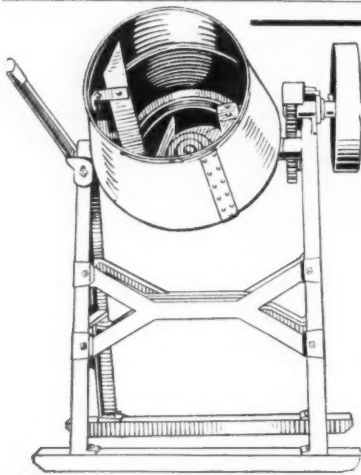
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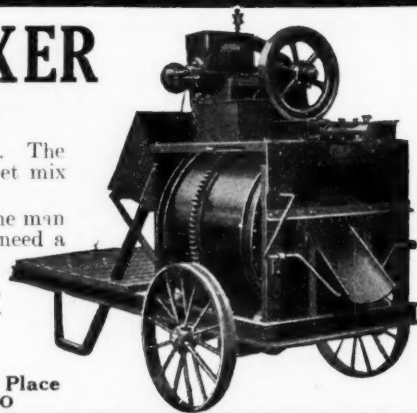
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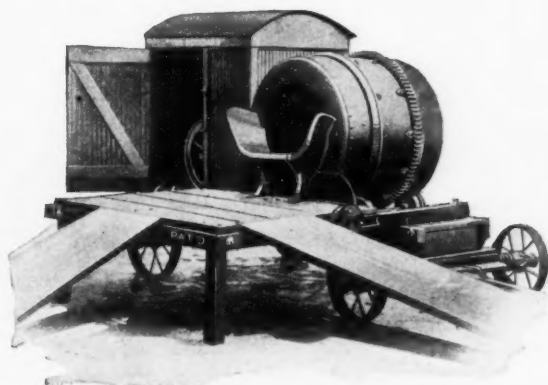
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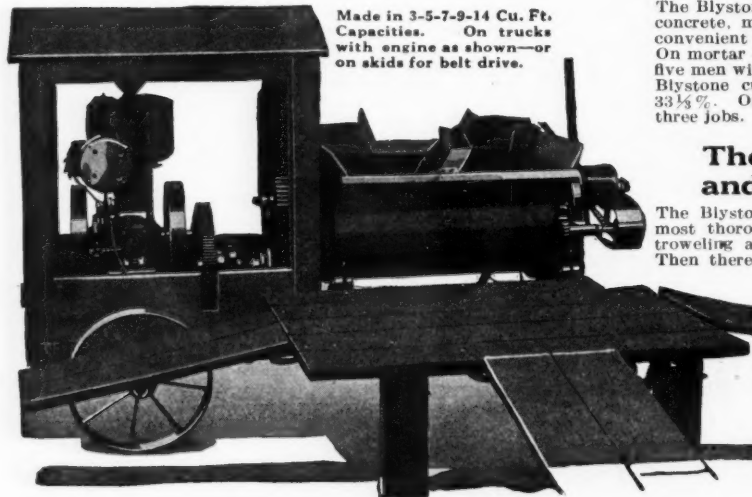
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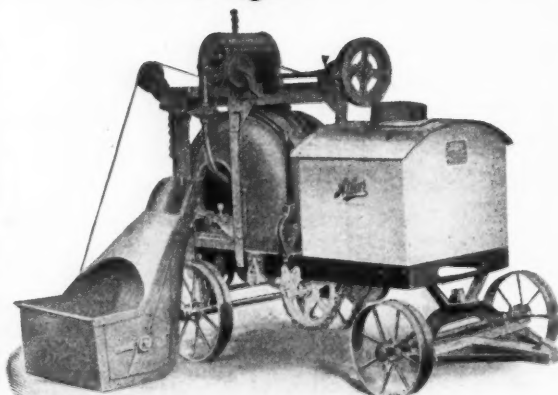
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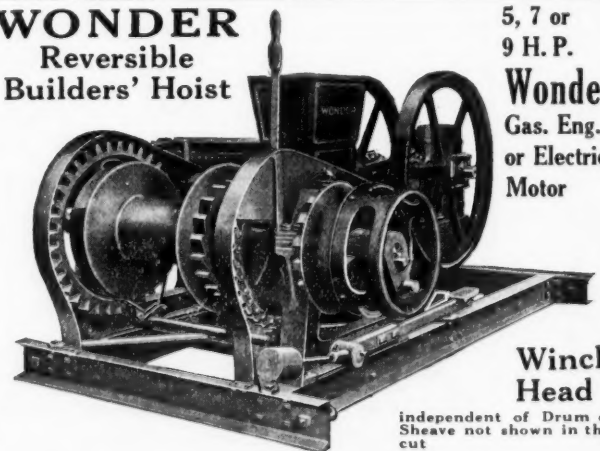
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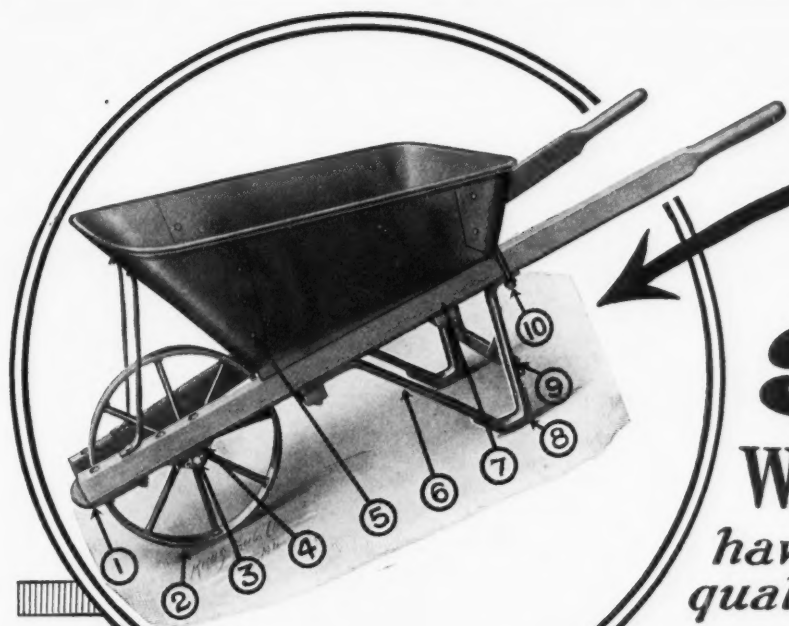
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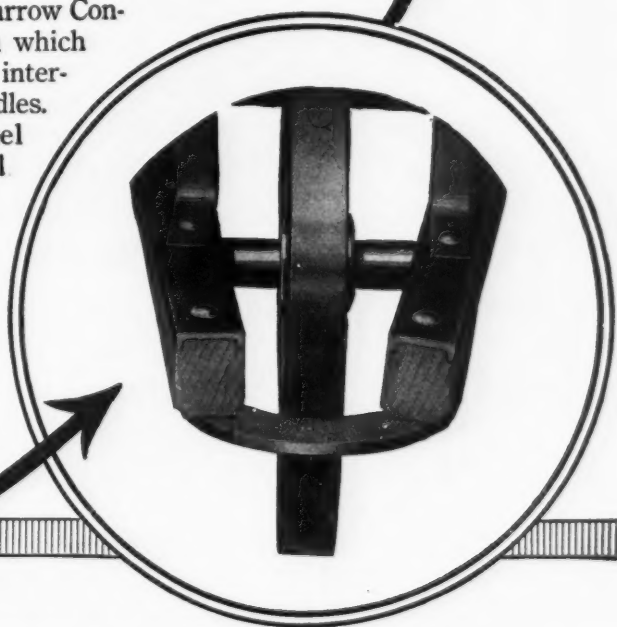
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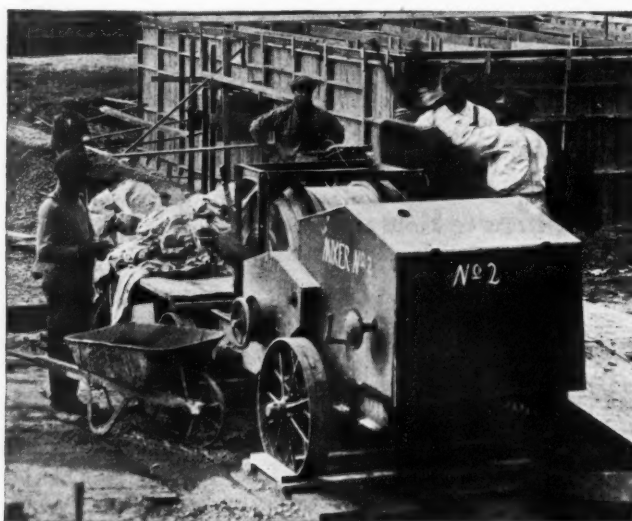
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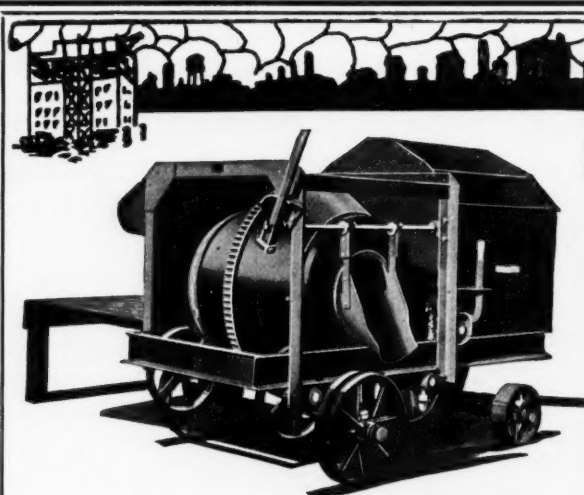
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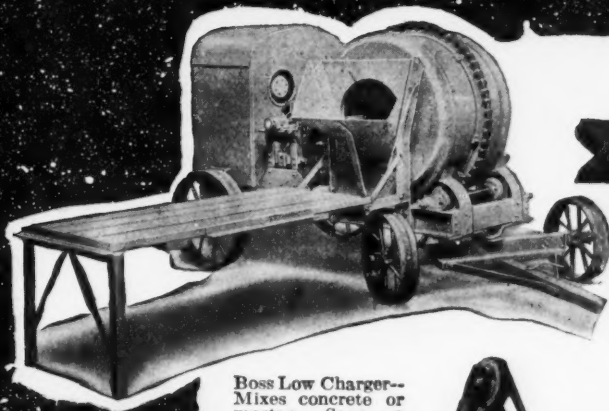
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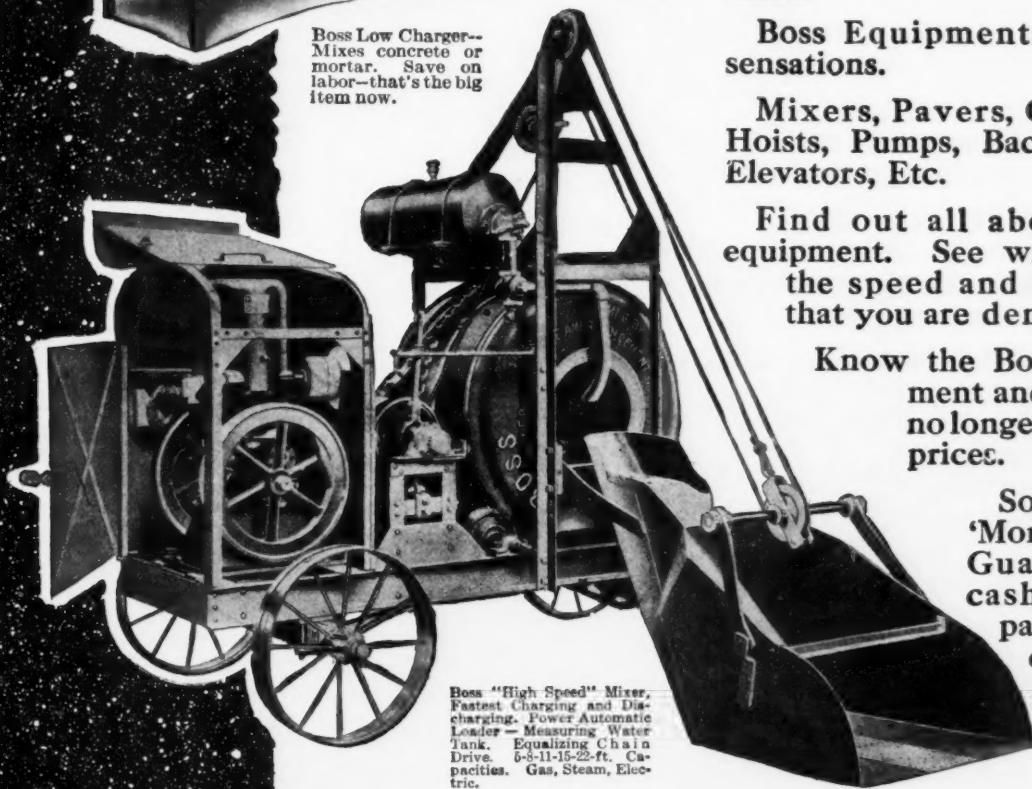
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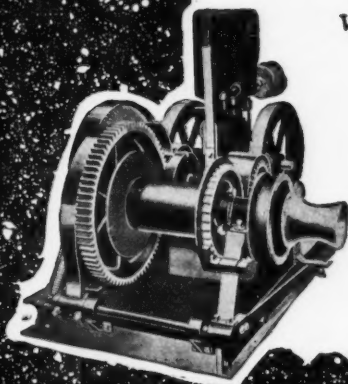
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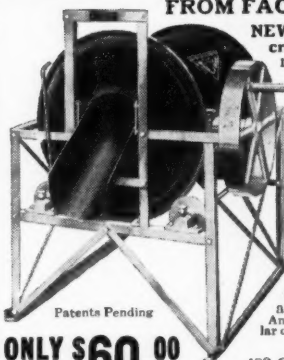
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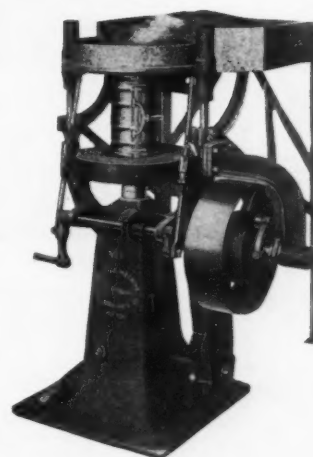
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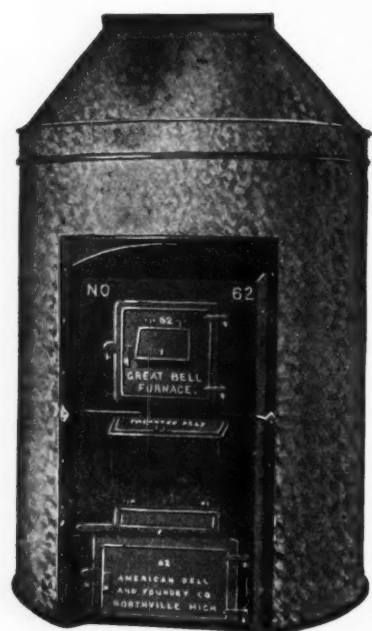
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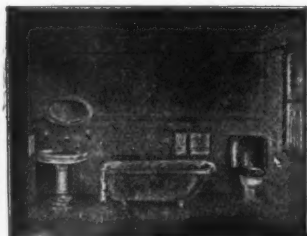
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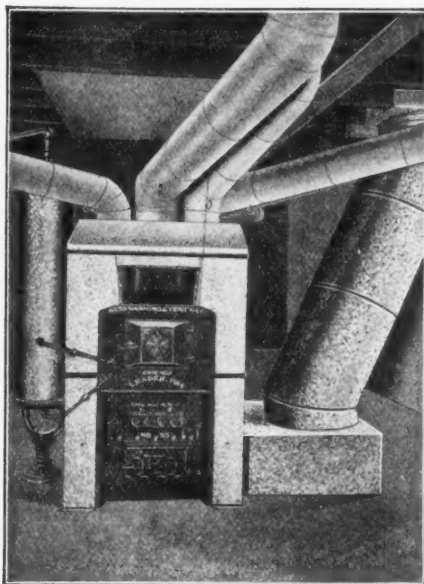
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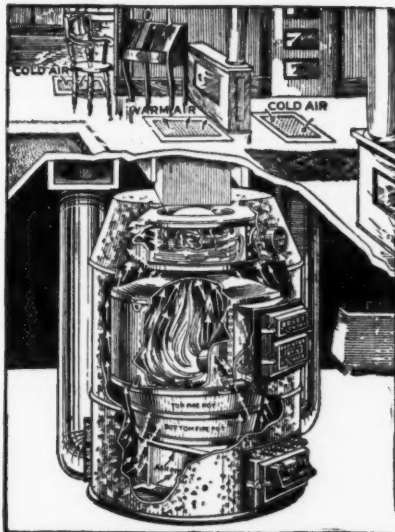
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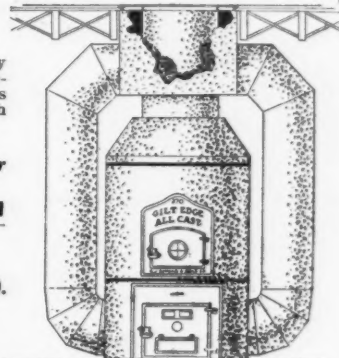
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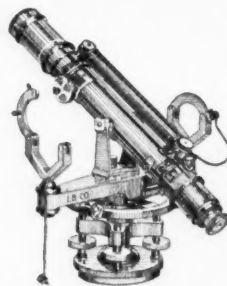
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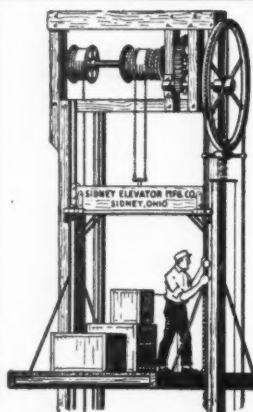
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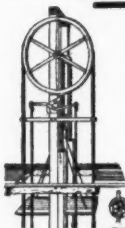


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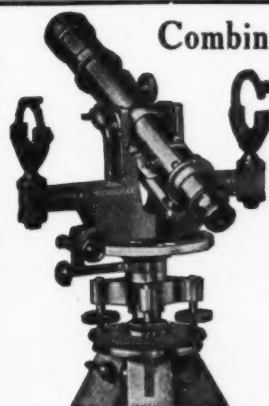
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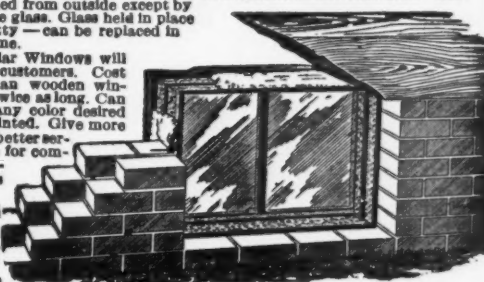
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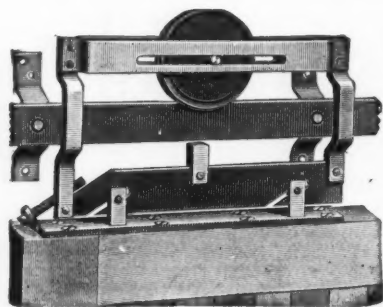
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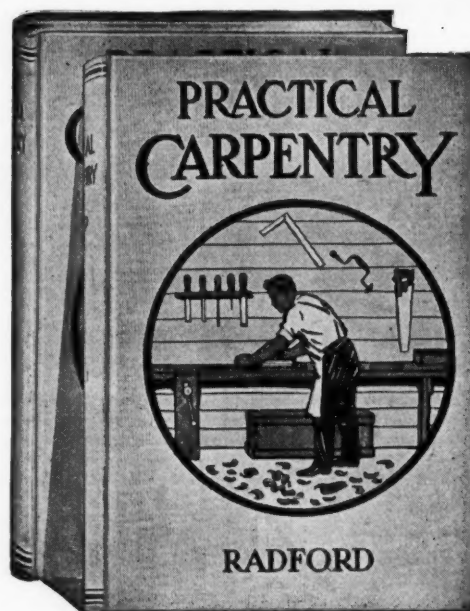


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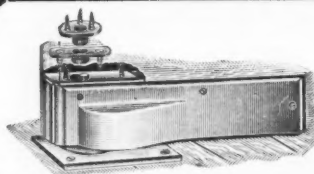
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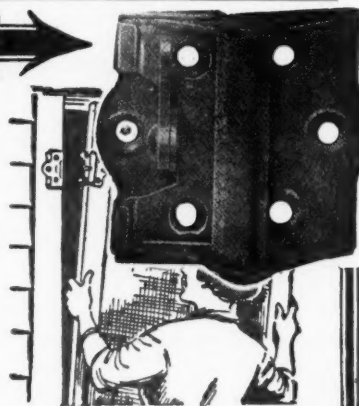
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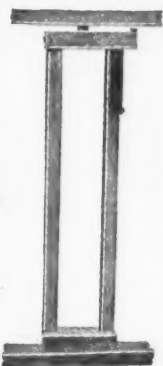
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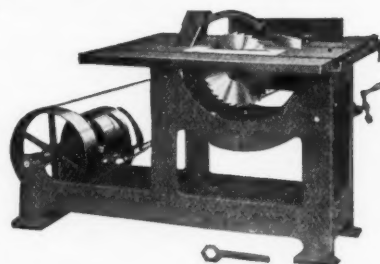
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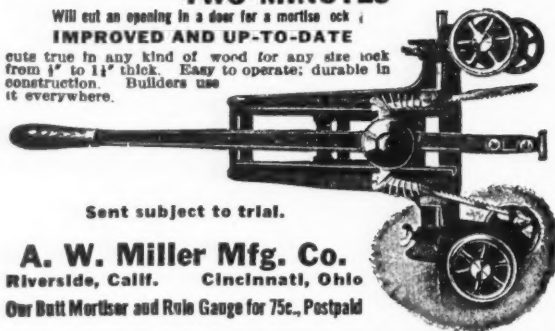
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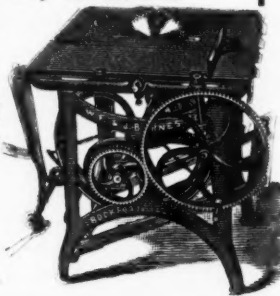
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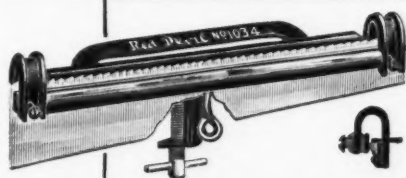
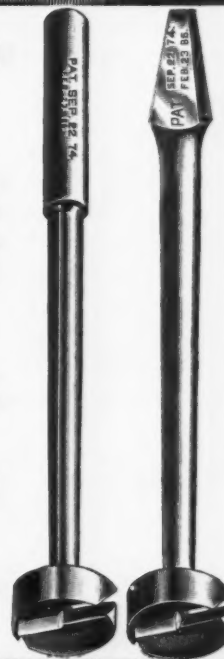
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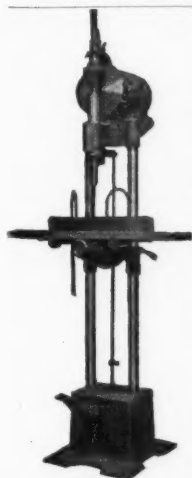
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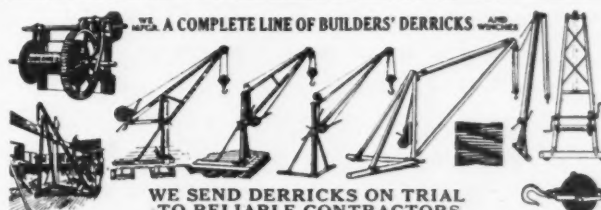
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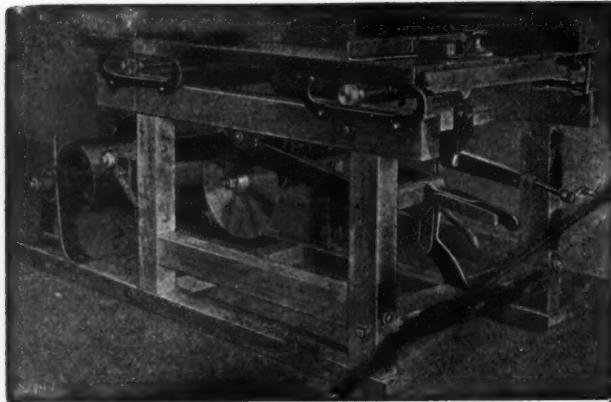
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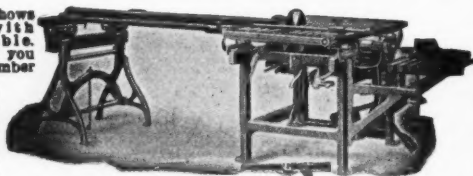


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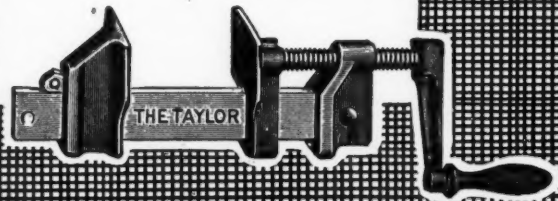
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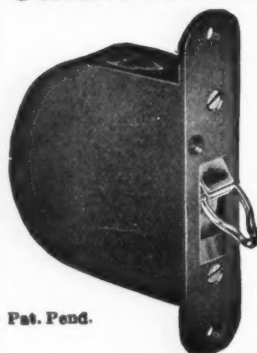
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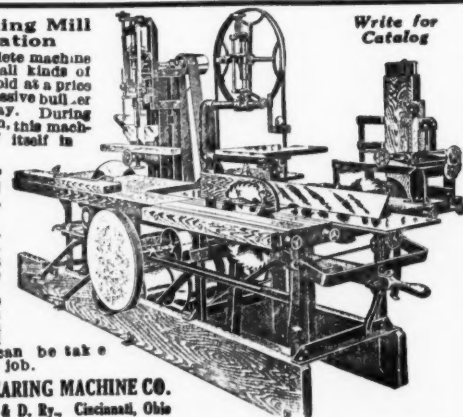
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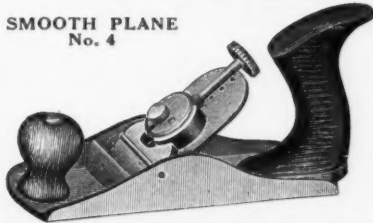
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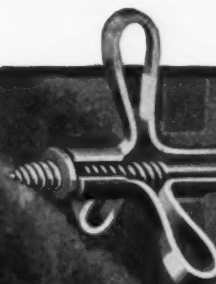
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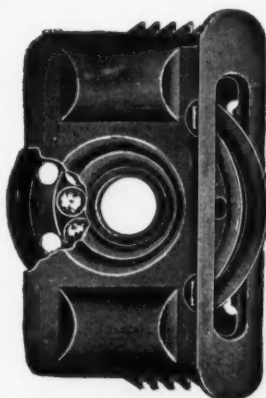
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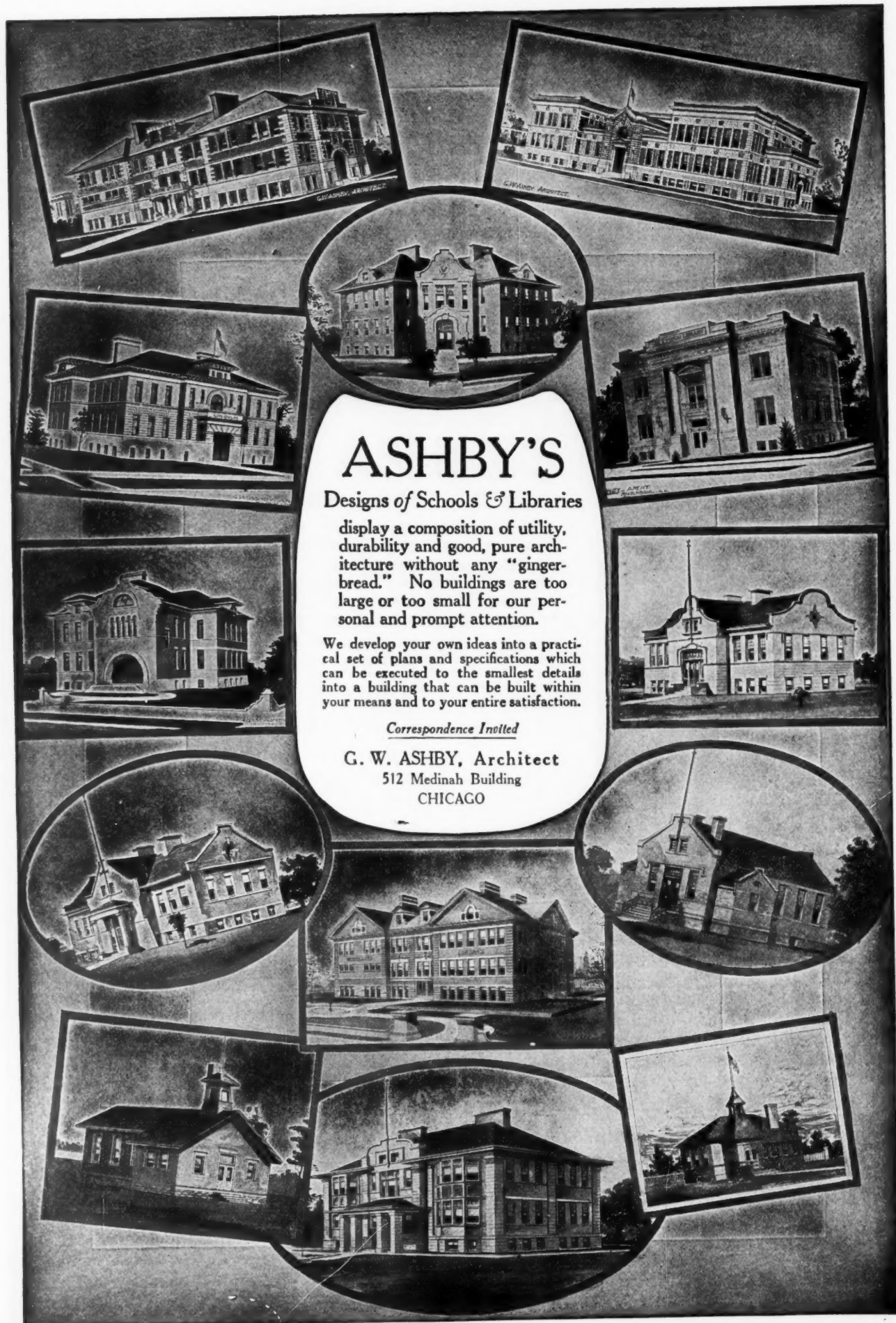


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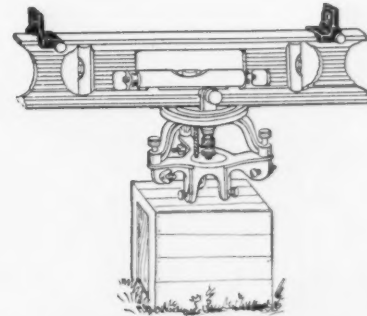
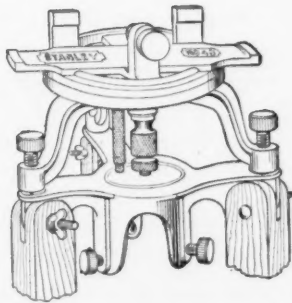
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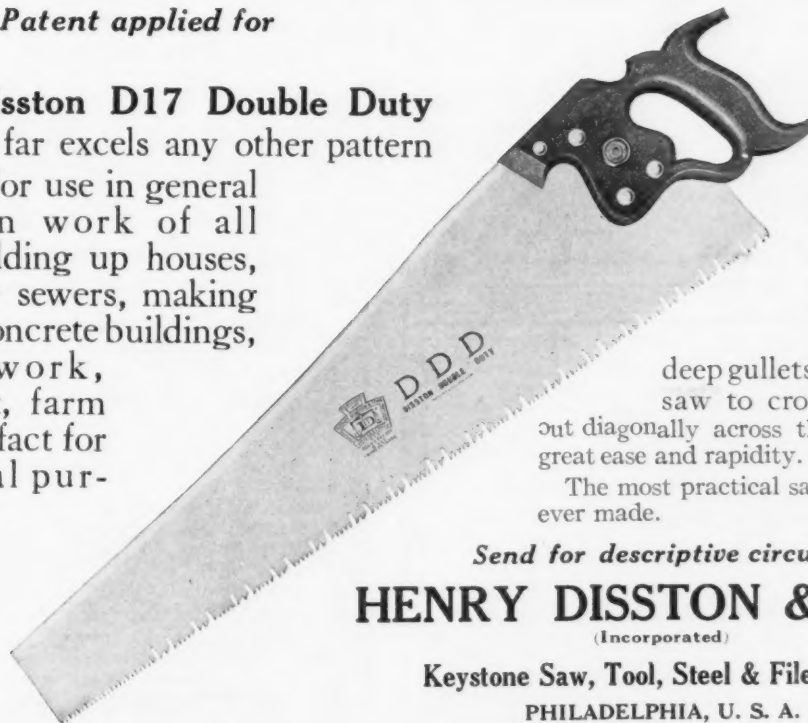
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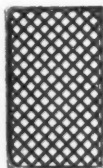
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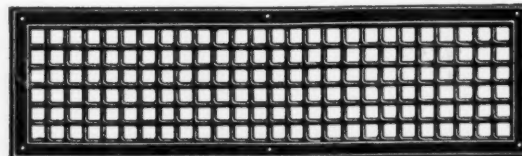
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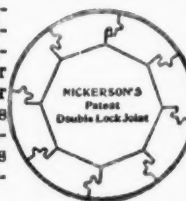
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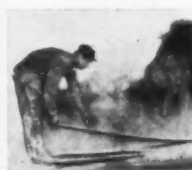


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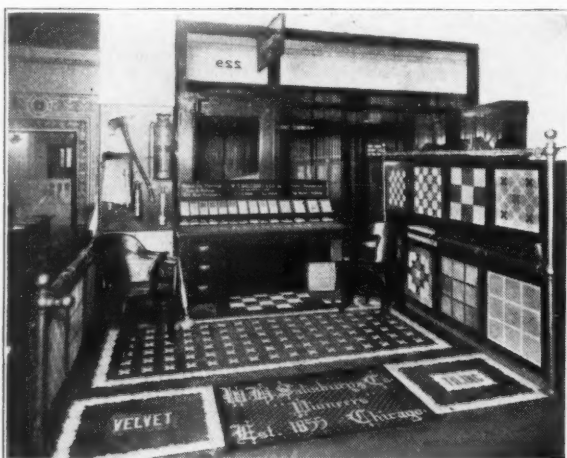
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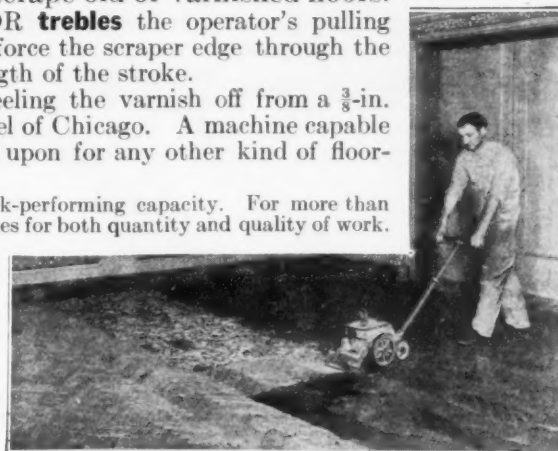
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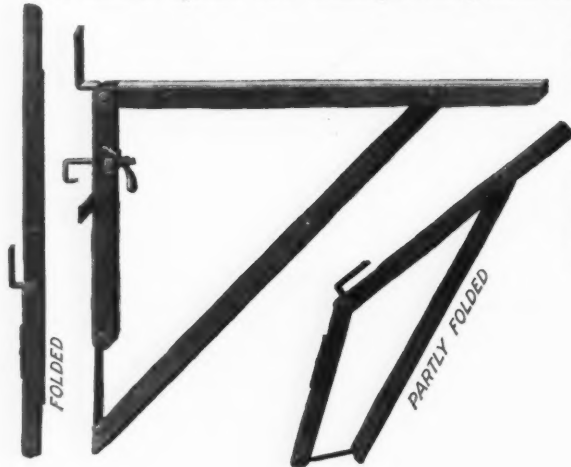
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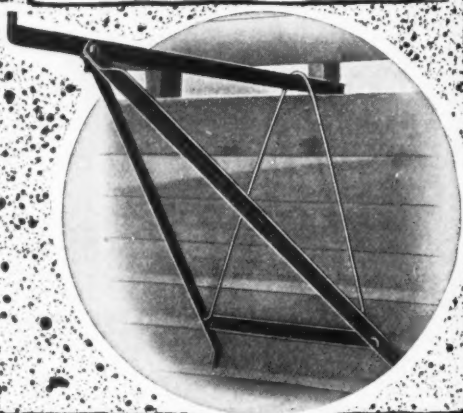
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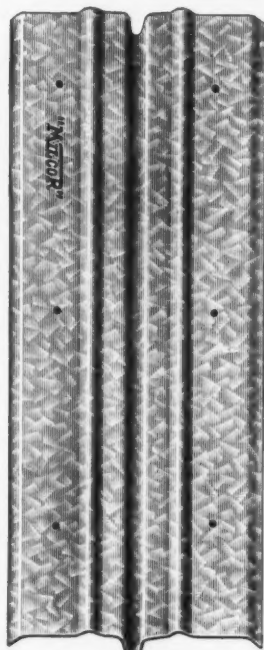
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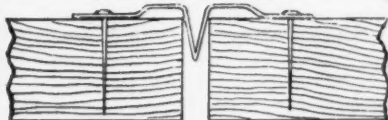
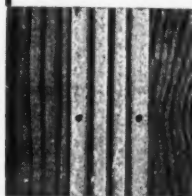
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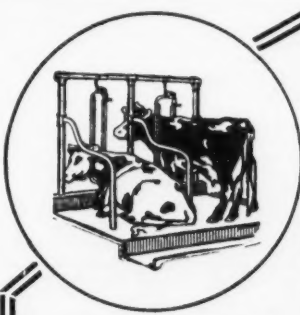
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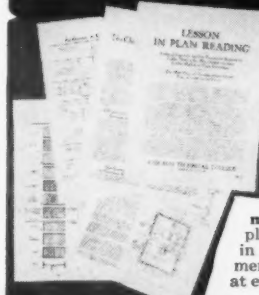
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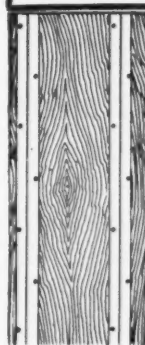
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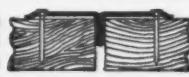
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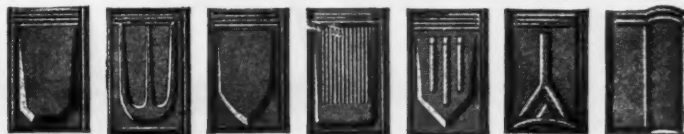
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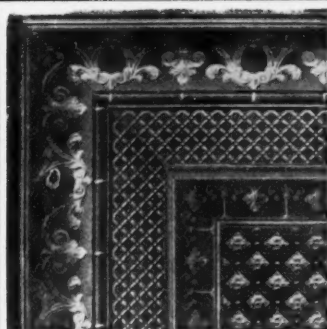
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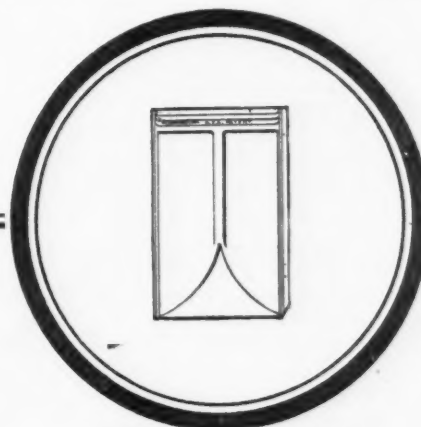
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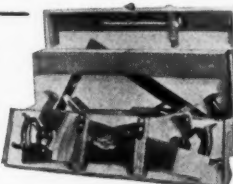
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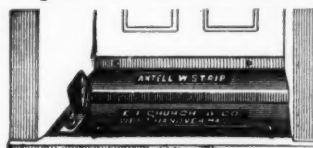
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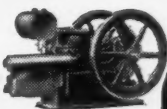
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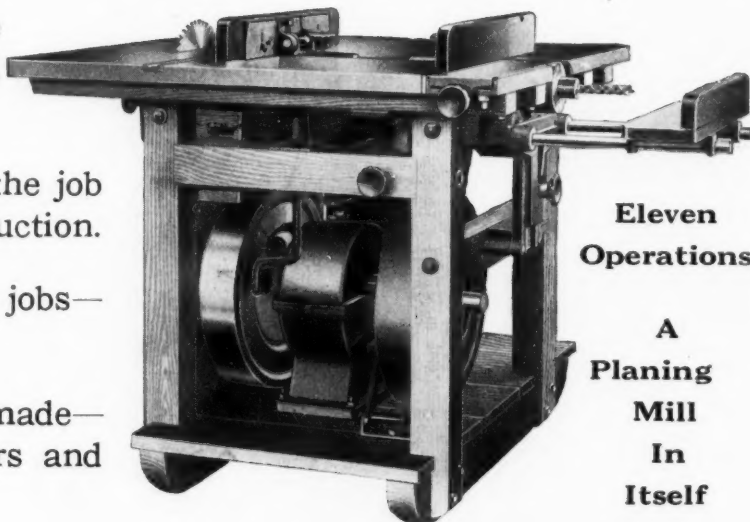
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